



To the Honorable Council  
City of Norfolk, Virginia

December 12, 2023

From: Robert J Tajan  
Planning Director

Subject: Armed Forces Brewery

Reviewed:

Douglas Beaver, Deputy City  
Manager

Ward/Superward: 2/7

Approved:

Patrick Roberts, City Manager

Item Number: R-12

**A. Planning Commission Recommendation:**

- By a vote of **4 to 2** the Planning Commission recommended **denial**.
  - One commissioner felt that the turmoil around the announcement of the business coming to Norfolk warrants more community engagement but that the land use aligns with *plaNorfolk2030* and zoning.
  - One commissioner was concerned about the increased operations compared to O'Connor and the brewery's community impact.
  - One commissioner felt that the applicant had a penchant for misrepresentation, did not respect the civic leagues, and may not be willing/able to comply with the City's requirements and conditions of the Conditional Use Permit.

**B. Request:** To allow the operation of a production of craft beverages facility and a banquet hall with live entertainment at 211 W 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

**C. Applicant:** Armed Forces Brewing Company

**D. Description:**

- In 2011, O'Connor Brewing began operating a brewery with no tasting room at this site and received a Special Exception for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises to allow the sale of beer kegs.
- In 2013, O'Connor opened the facility to the public and obtained a Special Exception for an Entertainment Establishment which allowed the sale of alcoholic beverages on premise and entertainment; it also included the use of the space as a banquet hall.

- In 2016, O'Connor proposed to modify operations by increasing the number of indoor and outdoor seats and overall capacity.
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- In 2018 the *Zoning Ordinance* renamed Microbrewery to Production of Craft Beverages added a new Banquet Hall use and added Live Entertainment as an accessory.
  - All of these uses require a Conditional Use Permit in the I-L district.
- Armed Forces is requesting Conditional Use Permits for Production of Craft Beverages, Banquet Hall, and Live Entertainment.
  - The request will result in the same use and general operations as O'Connor's.
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**E. Historic Resources Impacts:**

- The building located on this site is a contributing structure in the Park Place State and National Historic District.

- A condition is included to leave the brick on the 24<sup>th</sup> Street façade as it is, with no paint or cladding, to maintain the historical context of the brick.
  - The applicant does not agree with this condition.

**F. Communication and Outreach:**

- An email of no opposition was received from the Railroad District Business Association on September 7.
- The applicant met with the Park Place Civic League on September 11.
- The Park Place Civic League voted to not support the application on September 11.
- Notice was sent to the Park Place Civic League on October 12.

**G. Public Schools Impacts:**

Maury High School is within 1,000 feet of this site.

*Staff contact: Robert Brennan at (757-620-5911), [Robert.Brennan@Norfolk.gov](mailto:Robert.Brennan@Norfolk.gov)*

**Attachments:**

- Proponents and Opponents
- Staff Report to CPC dated November 16, 2023 with attachments
- Ordinance

## **Proponents and Opponents**

### **Proponents**

Alan Beal (Applicant/Representative)  
211 W 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Norfolk, VA, 23517

Tim Anderson (Applicant/Representative)  
2492 North Landing  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23456

Dale Paul Lazar (Applicant/Representative)  
821 Brandon Ave #5  
Norfolk, VA, 23517

Nicole Maxino  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23451

John P Higgins  
1805 Centerville Turnpike  
Chesapeake, VA, 23322

Troy Van Woemer  
4016 River Park  
Suffolk, VA, 23435

Shelly Peabody Shaw  
2336 Delword Road  
Chesapeake, VA, 23323

Necte Templeton  
4401 Wring Road  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23456

Alistair Ortiz

Ellie Schoenthaler  
229 W Bute Street  
Norfolk, VA, 23510

Don Leneski  
1201 Sycamore Road  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23452

Angela Kirby  
1013 Minden Road



Virginia Beach, VA, 23464

Michael Dyer  
1515 Shenandoah Parkway  
Chesapeake, VA, 23320

Julia Rae Bell  
2139 Whispering Sand Lane  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23455

Haley Reed  
1960 Nettle Street  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23453

Dorian Reed  
1960 Nettle Street  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23453

Troy Catindig  
1960 Nettle Street  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23453

Taylor Waldron  
21403 Running Brook Drive #201  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23462

Pamela Catindig  
1960 Nettle Street  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23453

Dave Brown  
3788 A Jeff Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23455

John Newell  
2016 Belur Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23454

**Opponents**

Jeff Ryder  
2202 Llewellyn Avenue  
Norfolk, VA, 23517

Thomas Wilder  
2516 Corn Husk Road  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23456

Ray Dewald  
1610 Bellevue Avenue  
Norfolk, VA, 23509  
Stephanie Clark  
5009 Gosnold Ave  
Norfolk, VA, 23508

Andrew Coplon  
Norfolk, VA

Robert Bracknell  
718 Connecticut Ave  
Norfolk, VA, 23508

Berkeley Ange  
141 Fayton Avenue  
Norfolk, VA, 23505

Josh Coplon  
2115 Hampton Boulevard  
Norfolk, VA, 23517

Samantha O'Rourke  
1717 Pathfinder Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23454

**Supporting Material:**

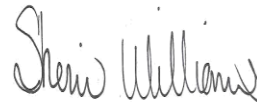
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## City Planning Commission Public Hearing: November 16, 2023

Executive Secretary: Robert Tajan, AICP



Staff Planner: Robert Brennan



Staff Report		Item No. 12
<b>Address</b>	211 West 24 <sup>th</sup> Street	
<b>Applicant</b>	Armed Forces Brewing Co.	
<b>Request</b>	<b>Conditional Use Permits</b>	Production of Craft Beverages
		Live Entertainment
		Banquet Hall
<b>Property Owner</b>	Ironbound AFBC Properties LLC	
<b>Neighborhood</b>	Park Place/Norfolk and Western Railway District	
<b>Character District</b>	Traditional	
<b>Zoning</b>	I-L (Industrial – Light)	
<b>Surrounding Area</b>	North	I-L, Norfolk & Western Historic Overlay: Peanut Factory Flats
	East	I-L, Norfolk & Western Historic Overlay: Peanut Factory Flats
	South	Norfolk Southern Railroad
	West	I-L: Formerly 757 Makerspace



## A. Summary of Request

- The site is located on the south side of 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Llewellyn and Omohundro Avenues.
- Armed Forces Brewing purchased the property and is requesting Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) to resume the uses of production of craft beverages, banquet hall, and live entertainment.
- Given that the applicant is replacing the same use and the use aligns with *plaNorfolk2030*, staff recommends **approval** subject to conditions.
  - A condition is included that requires outdoor entertainment to be ceased by 10:00 p.m. which is consistent with other establishments that offer outdoor entertainment.

## B. Plan Consistency

The proposed Conditional Use Permits are consistent with *plaNorfolk2030*, which designates this site as industrial.

## C. Zoning Analysis

### i. General

- In 2011, O'Connor Brewing began operating a brewery with no tasting room at this site and received a Special Exception for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises to allow the sale of beer kegs.
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**ii. Parking**

- O'Connor was required to provide 33 parking spaces and 38 are on site.
  - O'Connor also provided seven bicycle parking spaces under the previous Special Exception.
- The principal use is not changing, and no additional parking is required.

**iii. Flood Zone**

The property is located in the X Flood Zone, which is a low-risk flood zone.

**D. Mobility Analysis**

- The sidewalk along W 24<sup>th</sup> Street connects to a larger neighborhood network.
- The site is located within 1/4 mile of HRT bus stops on Colonial Avenue and Monticello Avenue.

**E. Historic Resources Impacts**

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**F. Public Schools Impacts**

Maury High School site is within 1,000 feet of this site.

**G. Payment of Taxes**

The owner of the property is current on all real estate taxes.

**H. Civic League**

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  - The Park Place Civic League voted to not support the application on September 11.
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#### I. **Communication Outreach/Notification**

- Legal notice was posted on the property on December October 18.
- Letters were mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the property on November 1.
- Legal notification was placed in *The Virginian-Pilot* on November 2 and 9.

#### J. **Recommendation**

Given that the applicant is replacing the same use and the use aligns with *plaNorfolk2030*, staff recommends **approval** subject to the conditions below.

- (a) The operation of the principal use of Production of Craft Beverages must be conducted in accordance with the applicable performance standards that are set forth in section 4.2 of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance.
- (b) The operation of the principal use of Banquet Hall must be conducted in accordance with the applicable performance standards that are set forth in section 4.2 of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance.
- (c) The operation of the accessory use of Live Entertainment must be conducted in accordance with the applicable performance standards that are set forth in section 4.3 of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance at the time of adoption of this ordinance.
- (d) The revocation, termination, or expiration of any one of the permits granted herein shall constitute grounds for revocation of every other permit granted herein.
- (e) The hours of operation open to the public, for the banquet hall, for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises and off-premises consumption, and for live entertainment shall be limited to 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight, seven days per week. The establishment shall not be open to the public outside of hours of operation listed herein.
- (f) No paint or other coating or cladding shall be applied to any brick façade visible from the West 24<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way.
- (g) The seating for the establishment shall not be less than 262 seats indoors, shall not be more than 186 seats outdoors, and the total occupancy, including employees, shall not exceed 600 people.

- (h) The business authorized by this conditional use permit shall be conducted in accordance with the Description of Operations set forth in "Exhibit A," attached hereto. The representations made in "Exhibit A" shall be binding upon all owners, operators and managers who operate and/or manage the premises covered by this conditional use permit. Should any owner, operator or manager desire to operate the business in a manner different than as represented in "Exhibit A," a new conditional use permit must be obtained prior to any such change. Where any limitation or representation contained in "Exhibit A" is inconsistent with any condition of this ordinance, the conditions of this ordinance shall govern.
- (i) This conditional use permit shall terminate in the event of a change in ownership of the establishment and may be revoked in the event of a change in the operation or management of the establishment as described in the Description of Operations set forth in "Exhibit A," attached hereto, provided that no termination in the event of a change in ownership of the establishment shall be effective until 120 days after the change or until a new conditional use permit is granted showing the new owner, whichever is earlier. Notwithstanding the above, no violation of this condition shall be deemed to have occurred if the only change in management is a result of one or more of the members of the management team identified in the Description of Operations ceasing to work at the establishment.
- (j) The conditional use permit or permits granted herein that relate to retail alcoholic beverage control licensees shall terminate in the event of a change in ownership of the establishment and may be revoked in the event of a change in the operation or management of the establishment as described in the Description of Operations set forth in "Exhibit A," attached hereto, provided that no termination in the event of a change in ownership of the establishment shall be effective until 120 days after the change or until a new conditional use permit is granted showing the new owner, whichever is earlier. Notwithstanding the above, no violation of this condition shall be deemed to have occurred if the only change in management is a result of one or more of the members of the management team identified in the Description of Operations ceasing to work at the establishment.
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- (l) No amplified sound shall be permitted in any outdoor area, including the outdoor seating area, after 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday nor after 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday.
- (m) No smoking or vaping shall be permitted anywhere in the outdoor seating area. Signage notifying patrons of this restriction shall be conspicuously posted.

- (n) The outdoor seating area shall not obstruct the movement of pedestrians along sidewalks or through areas intended for public use.
- (o) Entertainment shall be limited to live band, fine arts and crafts market, comedian, karaoke, and poetry reading. No other form of entertainment is permitted.
- (p) There shall be no dancing and no dance floor provided.
- (q) A minimum of one (1) exterior security camera, facing the front entrance, shall be installed and remain in operation at all times. Recordings shall be stored for 30 days and shall be made available to city staff, including any City law enforcement officer upon request.
- (r) If a solid waste receptacle is situated on the site, it shall be positioned along the rear of the building in a location that does not interfere with access to any parking space, impede use of the vehicular drive aisle, or encroach into any required buffer yard or setback. The receptacle shall be surrounded by a six (6) foot tall privacy fence with a locking gate.
- (s) During all hours of operation, the establishment operator shall be responsible for maintaining those portions of public rights-of-way improved by sidewalk and portions of any parking lot adjacent to the premises regulated by the conditional use permit so as to keep such areas free of litter, refuse, and both solid and liquid waste.
- (t) The facility shall maintain a current, active business license at all times while in operation.
- (u) The establishment shall remain current on all food and beverages taxes, business personal property taxes, and other local taxes which may become due while it is in operation.
- (v) All beer sold for off premises consumption shall be in a package containing a minimum of four (4) bottles or cans or shall be in a single fillable or refillable container of at least 32 oz. capacity. However, craft beers that are exclusively produced in bottles or cans greater than 12 ounces but less than 32 ounces in size shall not be subject to this limitation.
- (w) No alcoholic beverage having more than 21% alcohol by volume shall be sold for off-premises consumption.
- (x) The establishment shall maintain a designated driver program which shall provide, at minimum, that designated drivers may be served non-alcoholic beverages at no charge, which shall include water but shall not be limited to water. The establishment shall describe the program in writing and its



availability shall be made known to patrons via either a printed card placed on each table and on the bar or a description printed on the menu.

- (y) The operator shall require, by contract or other mandatory means, that every user of the establishment and every caterer using the facility shall maintain a designated driver program which shall provide, at minimum, that designated drivers may be served non-alcoholic beverages at no charge, which shall include water but shall not be limited to water. The program shall be described in writing and displayed on a card or menu at tables, entryways, or areas in which patrons are served.
- (z) The violation of any requirement, limitation, or restriction imposed by the Virginia ABC Commission shall be deemed a violation of this conditional use permit. This conditional use permit may be revoked for any violation of a general or specific condition, including a condition incorporated by reference and including a condition arising from requirements, limitations, or restrictions imposed by the ABC Commission or by Virginia law.
- (aa) Neither the establishment nor any portion of it shall be leased, let, or used by any third party to stage an event for profit. No outside promoter shall be permitted to use, operate, rent, or host any event on the premises.
- (bb) An ABC manager, employed and compensated by the applicant, shall be present at all events held on the premises. This manager shall supervise the event at all times. The ABC manager shall be present on the premises at least one hour prior to the beginning of the event and shall remain on the premises until the event is concluded and the establishment is secured and locked. If alcohol is not served or consumed, a responsible supervisor, employed and compensated by the applicant, shall perform this function.
- (cc) In addition to the ABC manager or supervisor the applicant shall provide such additional paid staff as may be necessary to coordinate, supervise, and manage any event held on the premises.
- (dd) The establishment manager shall notify the Commissioner of the Revenue no less than 72 hours prior to the commencement of any event at which a cover charge is to be collected.
- (ee) A copy of this conditional use permit ordinance and Exhibits shall be available on the premises at all times for inspection, and a notice indicating that this conditional use permit ordinance and all amendments are kept on the premises and are available for review by any member of the general public shall be posted in a visible location. The notice shall also contain information on where and how to report violations of conditions and shall include the address of the zoning administrator.

- (ff) A binder or folder containing documentation relating to the operation of the establishment shall be kept on the premises at all times and shall be produced upon request made by any person. For purposes of this section, the documentation relating to the operation of the establishment shall include copies of the following:
- (1) This ordinance
  - (2) Any ABC license(s);
  - (3) Any occupancy permit(s);
  - (4) Certifications of all persons who work on the premises as a security guard;
  - (5) All fire code certifications, including alarm and sprinkler inspection records;
  - (6) Any health department permit(s);
  - (7) The emergency action plan required under the Fire Prevention Code;
  - (8) The names, addresses, and phone numbers of all persons who manage or supervise the establishment at any time;
  - (9) The establishment's designated driver program; and
  - (10) The establishment's Security Plan.
- (gg) The business shall provide in-house security or retain the services of a licensed security firm to provide security services at a rate of one security guard per 50 guest occupants on the property whenever occupancy shall exceed 99 people or when otherwise required by at least 36 hours prior written notice of the Fire Marshal, Chief of Police, or any designee of either. After 8:00 p.m. each Friday and Saturday as well as during special events, a security supervisor certified in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services shall be present on the property.
- (hh) The written security plan submitted to the City as part of the application for this permit and on file with the Department of Planning shall remain in full force and effect at all times while the establishment is in operation.
- (ii) This conditional use permit shall automatically expire 24 months from the effective date of this ordinance. Prior to the expiration date, but no sooner than

18 months from the effective date of this ordinance, the property owner or manager may begin the application process for a new conditional use permit.

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Form and Correctness Approved: *BAP*

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the City Attorney



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPT. Planning

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

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## Ordinance No.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF A BANQUET HALL, PRODUCTION OF CRAFT BEVERAGES, AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT AN ESTABLISHMENT NAMED "ARMED FORCES BREWERY" ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 211 WEST 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That conditional use permits are hereby granted to Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc. authorizing the operation of the following principal uses at an establishment named "Armed Forces Brewery":

- (a) Banquet Hall (principal use)
- (b) Production of Craft Beverages (principal use)
- (c) Live Entertainment (accessory use)

Section 2:- That the full extent of the property or properties where the permit or permits described above are hereby made effective, upon the date set forth below, is described as follows:

Property fronts 250 feet, more or less, along the southern line of West 24<sup>th</sup> Street beginning 125 feet, more or less, from the western line of Omohundro Avenue and extending westwardly; premises numbered 211 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

Section 2:- That the conditional use permit or permits granted herein shall be subject to all of the general conditions set forth in section 2.4.8.D of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance and all of the following additional conditions, requirements, and limitations:

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that designated drivers may be served non-alcoholic beverages at no charge, which shall include water but shall not be limited to water. The establishment shall describe the program in writing and its availability shall be made known to patrons via either a printed card placed on each table and on the bar or a description printed on the menu.

- (w) The operator shall require, by contract or other mandatory means, that every user of the establishment and every caterer using the facility shall maintain a designated driver program which shall provide, at minimum, that designated drivers may be served non-alcoholic beverages at no charge, which shall include water but shall not be limited to water. The program shall be described in writing and displayed on a card or menu at tables, entryways, or areas in which patrons are served.
- (x) The violation of any requirement, limitation, or restriction imposed by the Virginia ABC Authority shall be deemed a violation of this conditional use permit. This conditional use permit may be revoked for any violation of a general or specific condition, including a condition incorporated by reference and including a condition arising from requirements, limitations, or restrictions imposed by the ABC Authority or by Virginia law.
- (y) Neither the establishment nor any portion of it shall be leased, let, or used by any third party to stage an event for profit. No outside promoter shall be permitted to use, operate, rent, or host any event on the premises.
- (z) An ABC manager, employed and compensated by the applicant, shall be present at all events held on the premises. This manager shall supervise the event at all times. The ABC manager shall be present on the premises at least one hour prior to the beginning of the event and shall remain on the premises until the event is concluded and the establishment is secured and locked. If alcohol is not served or consumed, a responsible supervisor, employed and compensated by the applicant, shall perform this function.



- (aa) In addition to the ABC manager or supervisor the applicant shall provide such additional paid staff as may be necessary to coordinate, supervise, and manage any event held on the premises.
- (bb) The establishment manager shall notify the Commissioner of the Revenue no less than 72 hours prior to the commencement of any event at which a cover charge is to be collected.
- (cc) A copy of this conditional use permit ordinance and Exhibits shall be available on the premises at all times for inspection, and a notice indicating that this conditional use permit ordinance and all amendments are kept on the premises and are available for review by any member of the general public shall be posted in a visible location. The notice shall also contain information on where and how to report violations of conditions and shall include the address of the zoning administrator.
- (dd) A binder or folder containing documentation relating to the operation of the establishment shall be kept on the premises at all times and shall be produced upon request made by any person. For purposes of this section, the documentation relating to the operation of the establishment shall include copies of the following:
  - (1) This ordinance
  - (2) Any ABC license(s);
  - (3) Any occupancy permit(s);
  - (4) Certifications of all persons who work on the premises as a security guard;
  - (5) All fire code certifications, including alarm and sprinkler inspection records;
  - (6) Any health department permit(s);
  - (7) The emergency action plan required under the Fire Prevention Code;

- (8) The names, addresses, and phone numbers of all persons who manage or supervise the establishment at any time;
  - (9) The establishment's designated driver program; and
  - (10) The establishment's Security Plan.
- (ee) The business shall provide in-house security or retain the services of a licensed security firm to provide security services at a rate of one security guard per 50 guest occupants on the property whenever occupancy shall exceed 99 people or when otherwise required by at least 36 hours prior written notice of the Fire Marshal, Chief of Police, or any designee of either. After 8:00 p.m. each Friday and Saturday as well as during special events, a security supervisor certified in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services shall be present on the property.
- (ff) The written security plan submitted to the City as part of the application for this permit and on file with the Department of Planning shall remain in full force and effect at all times while the establishment is in operation.
- (gg) This conditional use permit shall automatically expire 18 months from the effective date of this ordinance. Prior to the expiration date, but no sooner than twelve months from the effective date of this ordinance, the property owner or manager may begin the application process for a new conditional use permit.

Section 4:- That the City Council hereby determines that the conditional use permit or permits granted herein comply with each of the standards set forth in section 2.4.8.C of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance.

Section 5:- That, because the operation of this establishment in the manner proposed in the application requires the grant of more than one conditional use permit, the City Council finds that its operation is only appropriate at the location where it is being authorized when conducted in the manner proposed, as modified by the City Council, and that each permit should be subject to the same conditions, requirements

and limitations in order to constrain the operation in a manner that adequately protects public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 6:- That this ordinance hereby amends the previously granted special exceptions authorizing the operation of an entertainment establishment and a microbrewery on this property, adopted on February 9, 2016 (Ordinance Nos. 46,239 and 46,240). All provisions and conditions previously approved are entirely superseded by the terms of this ordinance.

Section 7:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from the date of its adoption.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A - Description of Operations (12 pages)



EXHIBIT "A"

Description of Operations

Banquet Hall with Live Entertainment/Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, On-Premises

Date: 7/24/23

Trade name of business: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Address of business: 211 W. 24th St, Norfolk, VA 23517

Name(s) of business owner(s)\*: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc  
Alan Beal / Bob Ruppert / Amit Rupani  
Jason Bailey  
Robert Winkell

Name(s) of property owner(s)\*: Frontbound AFBC Properties, Inc

Daytime telephone number: (410) 999-4117

\*If business or property owner is a partnership, all partners must be listed.

\*If business or property owner is an LLC or Corporation, all principals must be listed.

1. Proposed Hours of Operation:

Facility	Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Live Entertainment
Weekday From <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Weekday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Friday From: <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Friday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Saturday From <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Saturday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Sunday From: <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Sunday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>

2. Type of ABC license applied for (check all applicable boxes):

☒ On-Premises ☐ Off-Premises (second application required)

3. Type of alcoholic beverage applied for:

☒ Beer ☐ Wine ☐ Mixed

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Banquet Hall with Live Entertainment/Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, On-Premises

4. Will video games, pool tables, game boards or other types of games be provided?  
☐ Yes (If more than 4, additional application required) ☒ No

4a. If yes, please describe type and number of each game to be provided:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Will patrons ever be charged to enter the establishment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

5a. If yes, why:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 5b. Which days of the week will there be a cover charge (circle all applicable days):

*CARIPPAH*  
→ ☒ Monday ☒ Tuesday ☒ Wednesday ☒ Thursday ☒ Friday ☒ Saturday ☒ Sunday

6. Will the facility or a portion of the facility be available for private parties?

☒ Yes ☐ No

6a. If yes, explain:

*CORPORATE PARTIES, SPECIAL EVENTS, WEDDING RECEPTIONS  
NON-PROFIT EVENTS, PRIVATE PARTIES, REHEARSAL DINNER  
CHARITY EVENTS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES*

7. Will a third party (promoter) be permitted to lease, let or use the establishment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

7a. If yes, explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Will there ever be a minimum age limit?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Managers

Banquet Hall with Live Entertainment/Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, On-Premises

9. Please provide relevant experience of all managers (Please print or type)

1. Manager Name: Alan Beal  
Home address: 1001 Bolling Avenue #406 Norfolk, VA 23508  
Telephone Number: (410) 999-4117 Email: alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc  
Date of Employment: Jan 2019 - Present

Name and Address of Establishment: Bar Concepts Inc, Charlotte, NC  
Date of Employment: 1995-2012

Name and Address of Establishment: Texas Richmond Corporation, Charlotte, NC  
Date of Employment: 1994-1995

2. Manager Name: Bob Rupperecht  
Home address: 1001 Bolling Avenue, #406 Norfolk VA 23508  
Telephone Number: (410) 404-4541 Email: bob@armedforcesbrewingco.com

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc.  
Date of Employment: Jan 2019 - Present

Name and Address of Establishment: Lallemand Yeast Co, Baltimore, MD  
Date of Employment: 2017-2022

Name and Address of Establishment: Duclaw Brewery, Baltimore, MD  
Date of Employment: 2012-2017

3. Manager Name: John Newell  
Home address: 2016 Belvidere Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
Telephone Number: (757) 309-2518 Email: newellj@armedforcesbrewingco.com

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company Inc  
Date of Employment: 7/23 - Present

Name and Address of Establishment: Barrell Beverage Distributors, Norfolk  
Date of Employment: 2013-2023

Name and Address of Establishment: X  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired  
Address: Assistant Manager  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired  
Home address: Assistant Manager  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired  
Home address: General Manager  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_



# EXHIBIT "A"

## Description of Operations Production of Craft Beverages

Date of Application: 7/24/23

Name of business: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Address of business: 211 W. 24th St. Norfolk, VA 23517

Name(s) of business owner(s)\*: Alan Beal, Bob Rupprecht, Amit Bupani, Jason Bailey, Robb O'Neil

Name(s) of property owner(s)\*: Fronbound AFBC Properties, LLC

Name of business managers/operators Alan Beal ; Bob Rupprecht

Daytime telephone number: ☒ 410.999.4114

\*If business or property owner is partnership, all partners must be listed.

\*If business or property owner is an LLC or Corporation, all principals must be listed.

### 1. Proposed Hours of open to the public:

**Sale of Alcohol for Off-Premises**  
(Only for alcohol brewed on-site)

**Sale of Alcohol Sales for On-Premises**  
(Other than tastings)

Weekday From 7am To: 12am Weekday From: 11am To: 12am

Friday From: 7am To: 12am Friday From: 11am To: 12am

Saturday From: 7am To: 12am Saturday From: 11am To: 12am

Sunday From: 7am To: 12am Sunday From: 11am To: 12am  
(Brewing operations permitted 24-hours)

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Production of Craft Beverages

2. Will video games, pool tables, game boards or other types of games be provided?  
(If more than 4, additional application required) No

2a. If yes, please describe type and number of each game to be provided:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Will patrons ever be charged to enter the establishment?

Yes

3a. If yes, why:

... Special ticketed events

\_\_\_\_\_

5b. Which days of the week will there be a cover charge (circle all applicable days):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

4. Will the facility or a portion of the facility be available for private parties?

Yes No

4a. If yes, explain:

Corporate parties, special events, wedding, receptions,  
Non-profit events, private parties, rehearsal dinners,  
Charity events, Birthday parties

5. Will a third party (promoter) be permitted to lease, let or use the establishment?

Yes No

5a. If yes, explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Will there ever be a minimum age limit?

Yes No

7. Additional comments/description/operational characteristics or prior experience:

Smoking shall be prohibited in outdoor gathering areas  
Signs shall be placed in conspicuous locations to indicate  
Smoking limitations per city ordinance

**Exhibit A – Page 3**  
**Production of Craft Beverages**

Note: If smoking is permitted, then floor plans must be submitted showing all necessary building code requirements for such facility



Signature of applicant/owner



EXHIBIT "A"

Description of Operations  
Live Entertainment  
(Please Print)

Date: 7/24/23

Trade name of business: Armed Forces Brewing Company

Address of business: 211 W. 24th Street Norfolk, VA 23517

Name(s) of business owner(s)\*: Armed Forces Brewing Company, LLC  
Alan Beal, Bob Rupprecht, Amit Rupprecht, Jason Bailey, Robert Oliver

Name(s) of property owner(s)\*: Frambourn AFB Properties, LLC

Daytime telephone number: (810) 999-4117

\*If business or property owner is a partnership, all partners must be listed.

\*If business or property owner is an LLC or Corporation, all principals must be listed.

1. Proposed Hours of Operation:

Facility	Live Entertainment
Weekday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Weekday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Friday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Friday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Saturday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Saturday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Sunday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Sunday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>

2. Will ABC license be applied for?

(If so, a different application is required)

3. Will video games, pool tables, game boards or other types of games be provided?

Yes (If more than 4, additional application required)

No

3a If yes, please describe type and number of each game to be provided:

Exhibit A - Page 2  
Live Entertainment

4. Will patrons ever be charged to enter the establishment?

☒ Yes

☐ No

4a. If yes, why:

ONLY FOR TICKET SPECIAL EVENTS

4b. Which days of the week will there be a cover charge (circle all applicable days):

☒ Monday

☒ Tuesday

☒ Wednesday

☒ Thursday

☒ Friday

☒ Saturday

☒ Sunday

5. Will the facility or a portion of the facility be available for private parties?

☒ Yes

☐ No

5a. If yes, explain:

CORPORATE PARTIES/EVENTS, WEDDING RECEPTIONS,  
NON-PROFIT EVENTS, PRIVATE EVENTS, RECEPTION DINNER,  
CHARITY EVENTS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES

6. Will a third party (promoter) be permitted to lease, let or use the establishment?

☐ Yes

☒ No

6a. If yes, explain:

7. Will there ever be a minimum age limit?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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Exhibit B – Managers  
Live Entertainment

8. Please provide relevant experience of all managers:

Manager Name: Alan Beal

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Date of Employment: 1/19 - Present

Manager Name: Bob Ruppner

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Date of Employment: 1/19 - Present

Manager Name: John Newell

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Date of Employment: 7/29 - Present

Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired

Name and Address of Establishment: Assistant Manager

Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired

Name and Address of Establishment: Assistant Manager

Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Additional comments/description/operational characteristics:

Live Bands, Festivals - smoking shall be prohibited in outdoor gathering areas & signs shall be placed in conspicuous locations to indicate smoking limitations per city ordinance

Note: If smoking is permitted, then floor plans must be submitted showing all necessary building code requirements for such facility

Signature of Applicant



LAYOUT A

Exhibit A - Floor Plan(s) Worksheet  
Entertainment Establishment

- Complete this worksheet based for each floor plan submitted with application.
- Floor plan(s) must be prepared by a registered design professional and include:
  - Tables/seats
  - Restroom facilities
  - Bar
  - Ingress and egress
  - Standing room
  - Disc Jockey/Band/Entertainment area)
  - Outdoor seating
  - Total maximum capacity (including employees)

1. Total capacity

- a. Indoor
- Number of seats (not including bar seats) 278
- Number of bar seats 14
- Standing room 68
- Band 5
- b. Outdoor
- Number of seats (Loading Dock) 42
- Standing room (Loading Dock) 28
- c. Number of employees 15

Beer garden 120

Patio Bar Seats 24

Patio Bar Standing 6

Total Occupancy

(Indoor/Outdoor seats, standing room and employees) = 600

*Parking lot to be closed but no more than 600 total will be on site*

2. Entertainment

List ANY type of entertainment proposed other than a 3 member live band, karaoke, comedian, or poetry reading.

15 member band, Projection screen, Craft & Festival style markets

3. Will a dance floor be provided?

☐ Yes ☒ No

3a. If yes,

Square footage of establishment \_\_\_\_\_

Square footage of dance floor \_\_\_\_\_

- If a disc jockey is proposed, a dance floor must be provided.
- If the dance floor is more than 10% of the square footage of the establishment, a Dance Hall permit is required.

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# LAYOUT B

## Exhibit A - Floor Plan(s) Worksheet Entertainment Establishment

- Complete this worksheet based for each floor plan submitted with application.
- Floor plan(s) must be prepared by a registered design professional and include:
  - Tables/seats
  - Restroom facilities
  - Bar
  - Ingress and egress
  - Standing room
  - Disc Jockey/Band/Entertainment area
  - Outdoor seating
  - Total maximum capacity (including employees)

### 1. Total capacity

a. Indoor		
Number of seats (not including bar seats)	246	Beer Garden 120
Number of bar seats	14	Patio Bar Seats 24
Standing room	68	Patio Bar Standing 6
Band Entertainment Area	5	
b. Outdoor	32	
Number of seats (Landing Deck)	42	
Standing Room (Landing Deck)	28	
c. Number of employees	15	

### Total Occupancy

(Indoor/Outdoor seats, standing room and employees) = 1000  
*Parking lot to be used but no more than 600 people will be on site.*

### 2. Entertainment

List ANY type of entertainment proposed other than a 3 member live band, karaoke, comedian, or poetry reading.

5 member band, presentation, screen, craft  
 + festival style markets

### 3. Will a dance floor be provided?

☐ Yes ☒ No

#### 3a. If yes,

Square footage of establishment \_\_\_\_\_

Square footage of dance floor \_\_\_\_\_

- If a disc jockey is proposed, a dance floor must be provided.
- If the dance floor is more than 10% of the square footage of the establishment, a Dance Hall permit is required.

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#### 2.4.8.C. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW STANDARDS

A Conditional Use Permit may be approved if the applicant demonstrates that the proposed conditional use:

- 1) Is consistent with the purposes, goals and policies of the comprehensive plan and other applicable city-adopted plans;
- 2) Complies with all applicable zoning district-specific standards in Article 3. Zoning Districts;
- 3) Complies with all applicable use-specific standards in Article 4. Performance Standards;
- 4) Complies with all applicable development and design standards in Article 5. Development Standards;
- 5) Complies with all relevant subdivision and infrastructure standards in Chapter 42.5 of City Code;
- 6) Is appropriate for its location and is compatible with the general character of surrounding lands and the types, scale, and intensity of uses allowed in the zoning district where proposed;
- 7) Adequately screens, buffers, or otherwise minimizes adverse visual impacts on adjacent lands;
- 8) Avoids significant adverse odor, noise, glare, and vibration impacts on surrounding lands regarding refuse collection, service delivery, parking and loading, signs, lighting, night-time activity, and other site elements;
- 9) Avoids significant deterioration of water and air resources, scenic resources, and other natural resources;
- 10) Maintains safe and convenient ingress and egress and traffic flow onto and through the site by vehicles and pedestrians, and safe road conditions around the site;
- 11) Is served adequately by essential public facilities and services such as streets, public utilities, drainage structures, police and fire protection, refuse disposal, parks, libraries, and schools;
- 12) Maintains adequate parking, loading and other necessary facilities to serve the proposed use;
- 13) Will not substantially diminish or impair the value of the land within the neighborhood in which it is located.
- 14) Will not cause a negative cumulative effect, when its effect is considered in conjunction with the cumulative effect of various Conditional Use Permits of all types on the immediate neighborhood and the effect of the proposed type of Conditional Use Permit on the city as a whole;
- 15) Complies with all other relevant city, state and federal laws and standards; and
- 16) Is required by the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice.



# Overview Map



Park Place

ARMED FORCES BREWERY

## Legend

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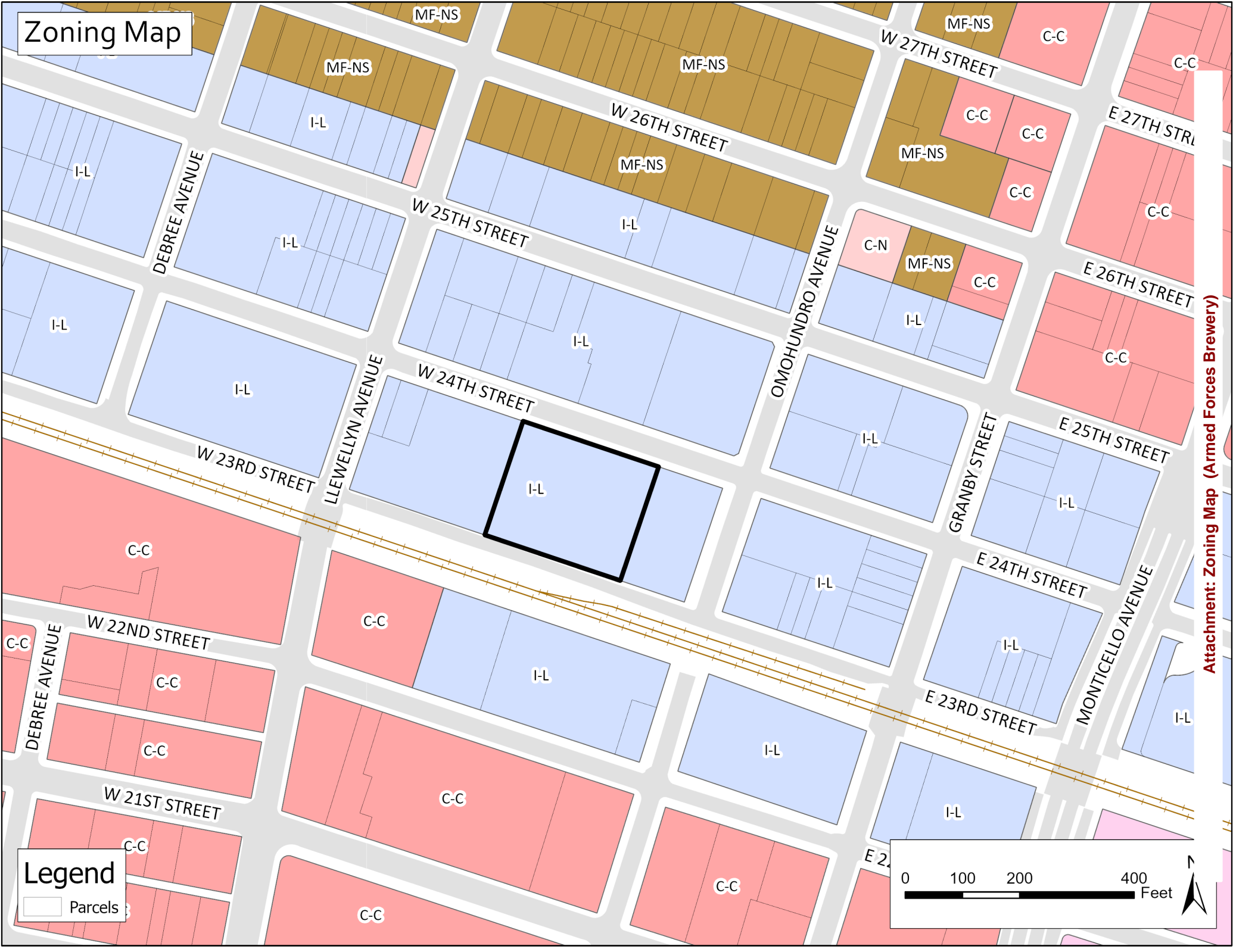
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Attachment: Overview Map (Armed Forces Brewery)



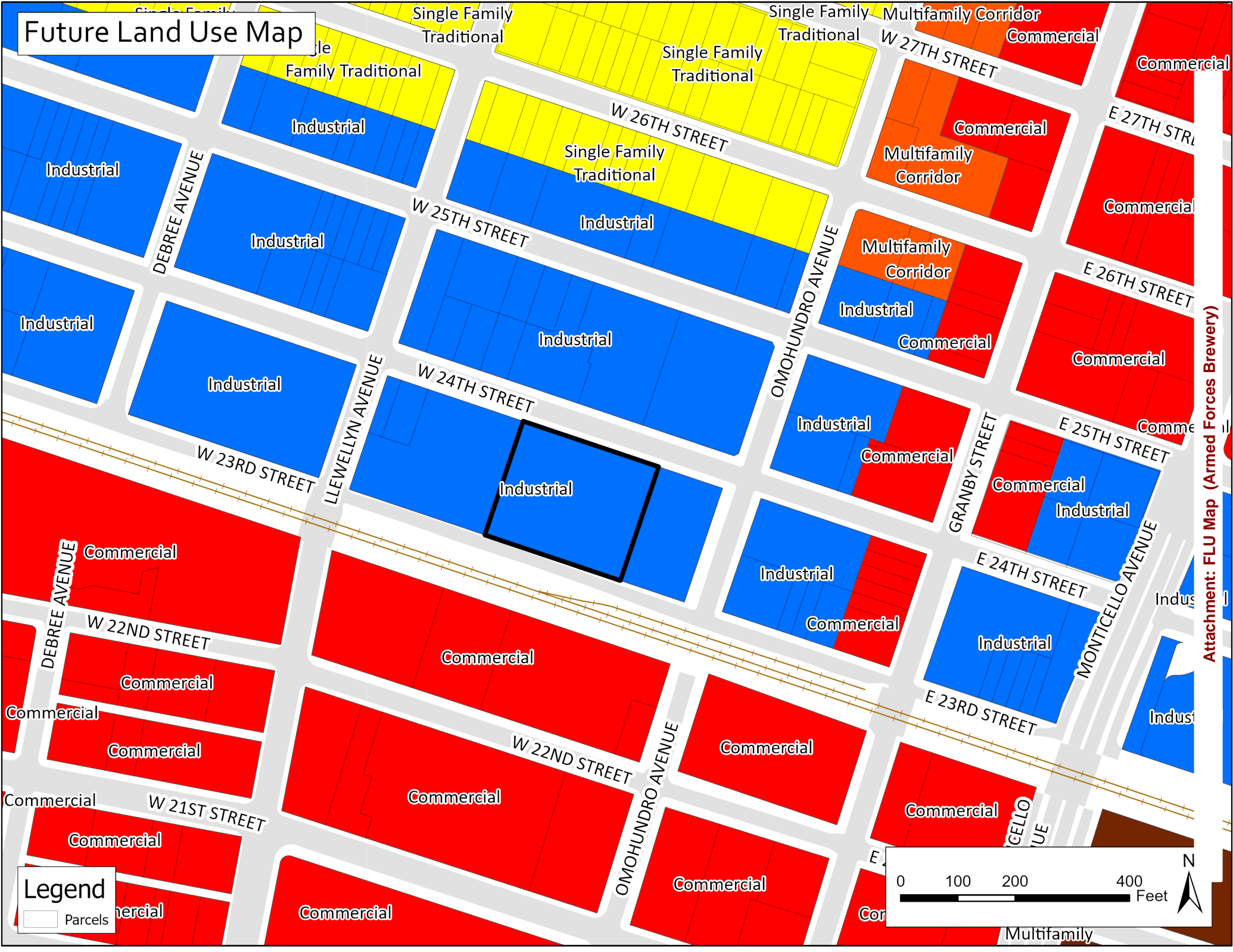
# Zoning Map



## Legend

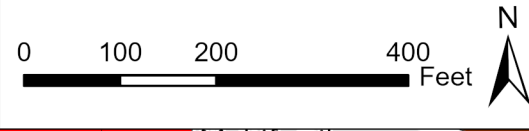
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# Future Land Use Map



## Legend

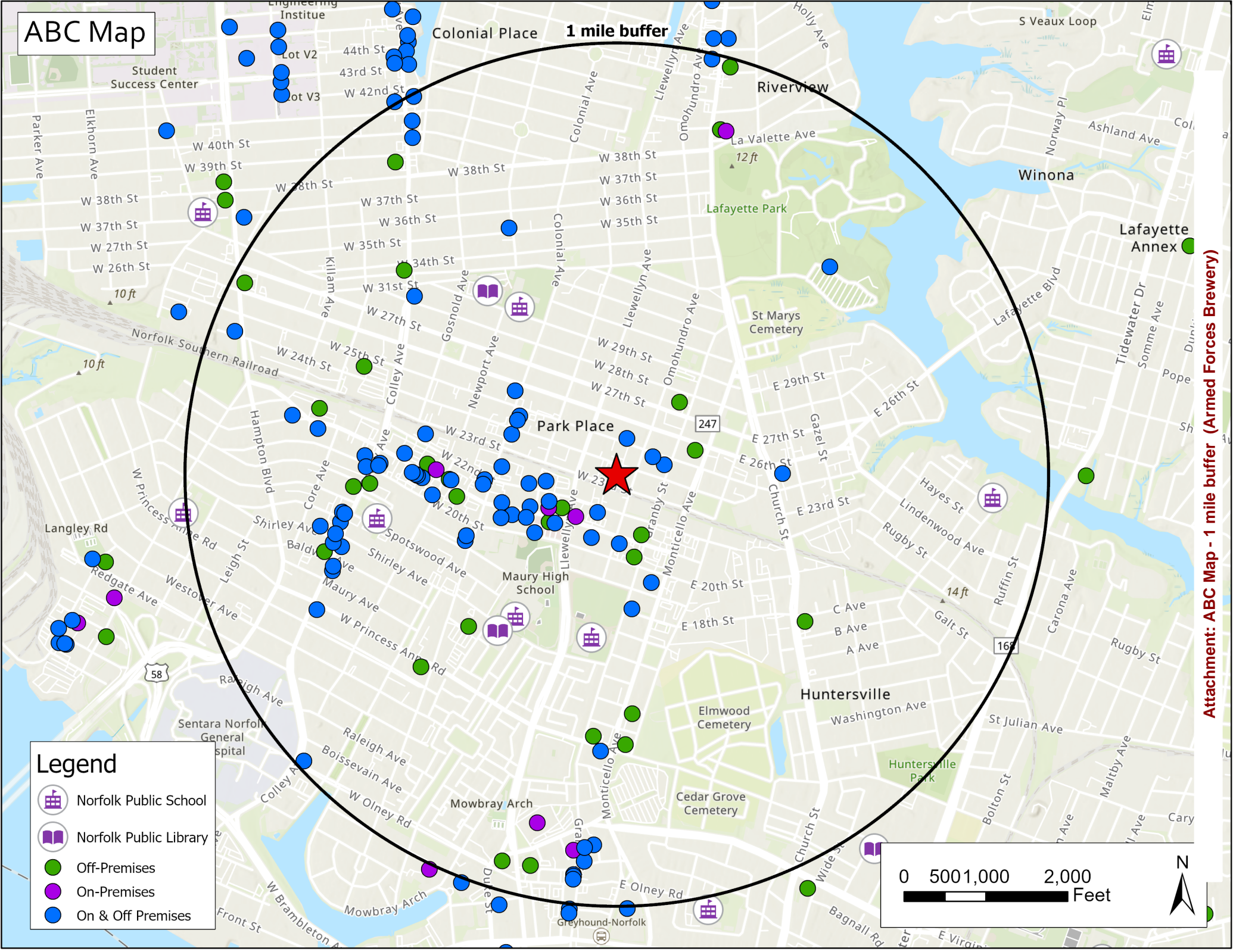
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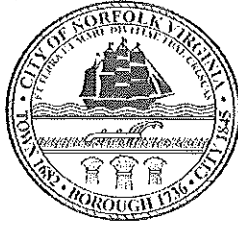
Attachment: FLU Map (Armed Forces Brewery)



# ABC Map



Attachment: ABC Map - 1 mile buffer (Armed Forces Brewery)



**Application  
Conditional Use Permit  
Banquet Hall with Live Entertainment/Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, On-Premises  
(Please Print)**

Date: 7/24/23

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Address: 211 W. 24th St Norfolk, VA 23517

Existing Use of Property: O'Connor Brewery

Proposed Use: Banquet Hall

Current Building Square Footage: 26500 Proposed Building Square Footage: 26500

Trade Name of Business (If applicable): Armed Forces Brewing Company

**APPLICANT\***

1. Name of applicant: (Last) Beal (First) Alan (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of applicant (Street/P.O. Box): 211 W. 24th St

(City): Norfolk (State): VA (Zip Code): 23517

Daytime telephone number of applicant: ( ) 410-999-4117

E-mail address: alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

**AUTHORIZED AGENT\* (if applicable)**

2. Name of applicant: (Last) Anderson (First) Timothy (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of applicant (Street/P.O. Box): 2492 N. Landing Rd #104

(City): VA Beach (State): VA (Zip Code): 23456

Daytime telephone number of applicant: (757) 301-3636 Fax: (757) 301-3640

E-mail address: timanderson@virginialawoffice.com

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**PROPERTY OWNER\***

3. Name of property owner: (Last) Ironbound AFBC Properties, LLC (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of property owner (Street/P.O. box): 36 Christopher Columbus Blvd

(City): Sackson (State): NJ (Zip Code): 08527

Daytime telephone number of owner: (X) 410-999-4117

E-mail address: allen@armedforcesbreweryco.com

\*(If applicant/agent/property owner is a LLC or a Corp./Inc., include name of official representative and/or all partners)

**CIVIC LEAGUE - BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - HOA INFORMATION**

Civic League contact: Park Place 9/11/23

Date meeting attended/held: 1st Monday @ 630pm

Local Business Association (if applicable) contact: Railroad District Business Asso.

Date meeting attended/held: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Property/Condominium Owners Association (if applicable) contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date meeting attended/held: \_\_\_\_\_

Ward/Super Ward Information: SW 7 / Dist 2

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby submit this complete application and certify the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Print name: Alan Beal Sign: [Signature] 7/24/23  
(Property Owner) Member of Ironbound AFBC Properties, LLC (Date)

Print name: Alan Beal Sign: [Signature] 7/24/23  
(Applicant) (Date)

(If Applicable)

Print name: Tim Anderson Sign: [Signature] 9/15/23  
(Authorized Agent Signature) (Date)





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Alan Beal / Bob Ruppert / Amit Rupani  
Jason Bailey  
Robert Muel

Name(s) of property owner(s)\*: Ironbound AFBC Properties, Inc

Daytime telephone number: (410) 999-4117

\*If business or property owner is a partnership, all partners must be listed.

\*If business or property owner is an LLC or Corporation, all principals must be listed.

1. Proposed Hours of Operation:

Facility	Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Live Entertainment
Weekday From <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Weekday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Friday From: <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Friday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Saturday From <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Saturday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Sunday From: <u>7 AM</u> To: <u>12am</u>	Sunday From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>

2. Type of ABC license applied for (check all applicable boxes):

☒ On-Premises ☐ Off-Premises (second application required)

3. Type of alcoholic beverage applied for:

☒ Beer ☐ Wine ☐ Mixed

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Banquet Hall with Live Entertainment/Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, On-Premises

4. Will video games, pool tables, game boards or other types of games be provided?  
☐ Yes (If more than 4, additional application required) ☒ No

4a. If yes, please describe type and number of each game to be provided:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Will patrons ever be charged to enter the establishment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

5a. If yes, why:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5b. Which days of the week will there be a cover charge (circle all applicable days):

*CARIPPAH*  
→ ☒ Monday ☒ Tuesday ☒ Wednesday ☒ Thursday ☒ Friday ☒ Saturday ☒ Sunday

6. Will the facility or a portion of the facility be available for private parties?

☒ Yes ☐ No

6a. If yes, explain:

*CORPORATE PARTIES, SPECIAL EVENTS, WEDDING RECEPTIONS  
NON-PROFIT EVENTS, PRIVATE PARTIES, REHEARSAL DINNER  
CHARITY EVENTS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES*

7. Will a third party (promoter) be permitted to lease, let or use the establishment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

7a. If yes, explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Will there ever be a minimum age limit?

☐ Yes ☒ No



Managers

Banquet Hall with Live Entertainment/Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, On-Premises

9. Please provide relevant experience of all managers (Please print or type)

1. Manager Name: Alan Beal  
Home address: 1001 Bolling Avenue #406 Norfolk, VA 23508  
Telephone Number: (410) 999-4117 Email: alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc  
Date of Employment: Jan 2019 - Present

Name and Address of Establishment: Bar Concepts Inc, Charlotte, NC  
Date of Employment: 1995-2012

Name and Address of Establishment: Texas Richmond Corporation, Charlotte, NC  
Date of Employment: 1994-1995

2. Manager Name: Bob Rupperecht  
Home address: 1001 Bolling Avenue, #406 Norfolk VA 23508  
Telephone Number: (410) 404-4541 Email: bob@armedforcesbrewingco.com

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc.  
Date of Employment: Jan 2019 - Present

Name and Address of Establishment: Lallemand Yeast Co, Baltimore, MD  
Date of Employment: 2017-2022

Name and Address of Establishment: Duclaw Brewery, Baltimore, MD  
Date of Employment: 2012-2017

3. Manager Name: John Newell  
Home address: 2016 Belvidere Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
Telephone Number: (757) 309-2518 Email: newellj@armedforcesbrewingco.com

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company Inc  
Date of Employment: 7/23 - Present

Name and Address of Establishment: Barrell Beverage Distributors, Norfolk  
Date of Employment: 2013-2023

Name and Address of Establishment: X  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired  
Address: Assistant manager  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired  
Home address: Assistant manager  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired  
Home address: General manager  
Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name and Address of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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LAYOUT A

**Exhibit A - Floor Plan(s) Worksheet  
Entertainment Establishment**

- Complete this worksheet based for each floor plan submitted with application.
- Floor plan(s) must be prepared by a registered design professional and include:
  - Tables/seats
  - Restroom facilities
  - Bar
  - Ingress and egress
  - Standing room
  - Disc Jockey/Band/Entertainment area)
  - Outdoor seating
  - Total maximum capacity (including employees)

**1. Total capacity**

**a. Indoor**

Number of seats (not including bar seats) 276  
 Number of bar seats 14  
 Standing room 68  
 Band 5

Beer garden 120  
 Patio Bar Seats 24  
 Patio Bar Standing 6

**b. Outdoor**

Number of seats (Loading Dock) 42  
 Standing room (Loading Dock) 28

**c. Number of employees**

15

**Total Occupancy**

(Indoor/Outdoor seats, standing room and employees) = 600

**2. Entertainment**

List ANY type of entertainment proposed other than a 3 member live band, karaoke, comedian, or poetry reading.

15 member band, presentation screen

**3. Will a dance floor be provided?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**3a. If yes,**

Square footage of establishment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Square footage of dance floor \_\_\_\_\_

- If a disc jockey is proposed, a dance floor must be provided.
- If the dance floor is more than 10% of the square footage of the establishment, a Dance Hall permit is required.

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# LAYOUT B

## Exhibit A - Floor Plan(s) Worksheet Entertainment Establishment

- Complete this worksheet based for each floor plan submitted with application.
- Floor plan(s) must be prepared by a registered design professional and include:
  - Tables/seats
  - Restroom facilities
  - Bar
  - Ingress and egress
  - Standing room
  - Disc Jockey/Band/Entertainment area)
  - Outdoor seating
  - Total maximum capacity (including employees)

### 1. Total capacity

- a. Indoor
- Number of seats (not including bar seats) 246
- Number of bar seats 14
- Standing room 68
- 5 Band  
Shuffle Board (Game Area)
- b. Outdoor
- Number of seats (Lounge Deck) 42
- Standing Room (Lounge Deck) 20
- c. Number of employees 15

Bier Garden 120

Patio Bar Seats 24

Patio Bar Standing 6

### Total Occupancy

(Indoor/Outdoor seats, standing room and employees) = 600

*Parking lot to be used - but shall not exceed 600 people total on site.*

### 2. Entertainment

List ANY type of entertainment proposed other than a 3 member live band, karaoke, comedian, or poetry reading.

5 member band. prearranged screen

### 3. Will a dance floor be provided?

☐ Yes ☒ No

#### 3a. If yes,

Square footage of establishment \_\_\_\_\_

Square footage of dance floor \_\_\_\_\_

- If a disc jockey is proposed, a dance floor must be provided.
- If the dance floor is more than 10% of the square footage of the establishment, a Dance Hall permit is required.

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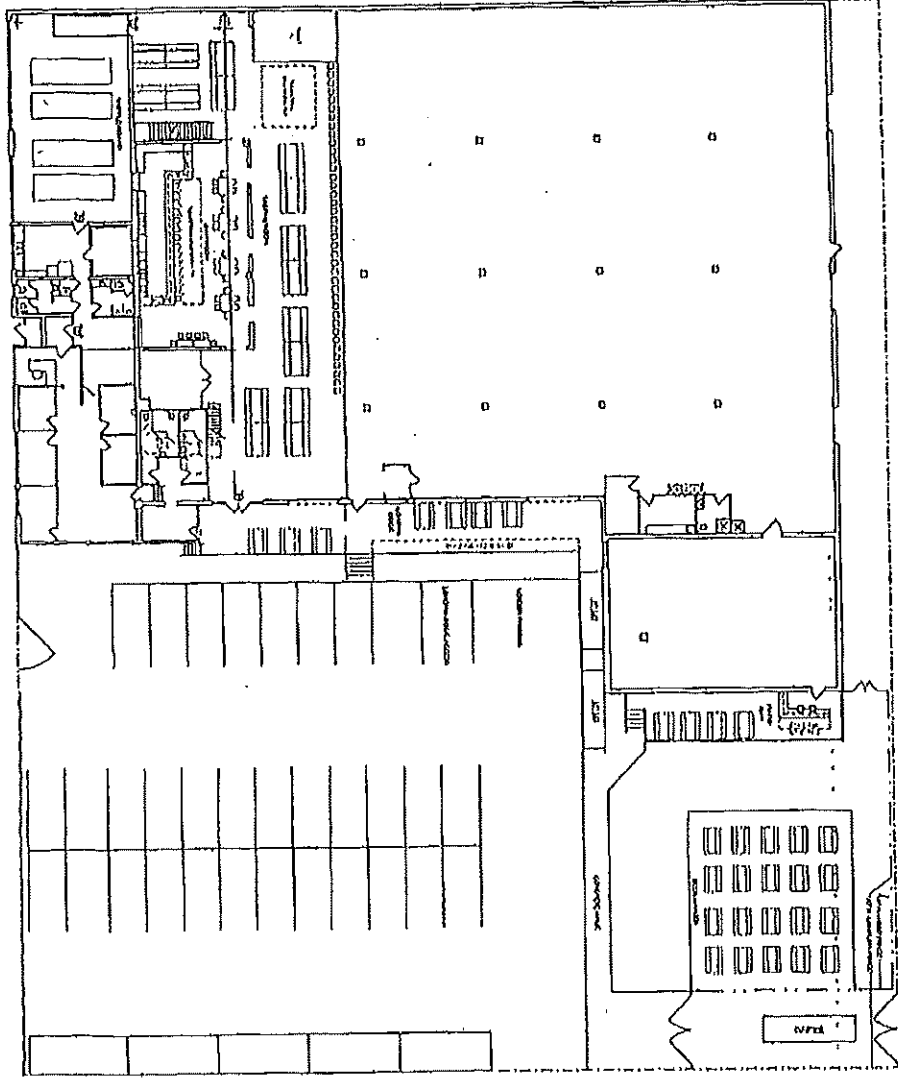
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PLUMBING FIXTURE CALCULATIONS			
WATER CLOSETS (U/S):	FIXTURES REQUIRED	FIXTURES PROVIDED	
LAVATORIES (U200):	4	4	
SERVICE SINK:	1	1	



FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
1" = 40'-0"

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ARCHITECTURE

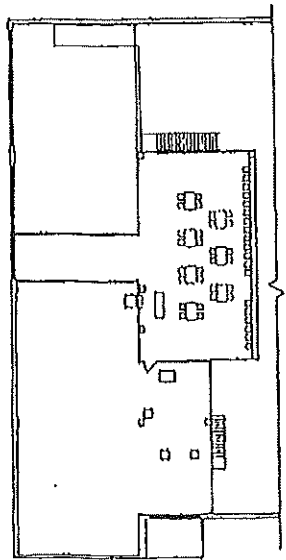
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O'CONNOR BREWING COMPANY  
LAYOUT B - TASTING ROOM/  
GAME LAYOUT

211 W. 24TH STREET

OCCUPANCY CALCULATIONS	
TASTING ROOM SEATS:	167
TASTING ROOM STANDING:	40
BAR ROOM SEATS:	30
BAR ROOM BAR SEATS:	14
BAR ROOM STANDING:	28
SHUFFLE BOARD:	32
MEZZANINE TOTAL:	44
LOADING DOCK SEATING:	42
PATIO BAR SEATS:	24
PATIO BAR STANDING:	6
BEER GARDEN SEATS:	120
BAND:	5
STAFF:	15
TOTAL OCCUPANCY:	600

CODE COMPLIANCE	
CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 2a,	
FULLY SPRINKLED	
USE GROUP(S): SU F2/ A2	
NON SEPARATED MIXED USE	
GROUP A2 IS	
HIGH RESTRICTIVE	
ACTUAL HEIGHT & AREA	
2 STORIES/ 16500 SF	
ALLOWABLE HEIGHT & AREA	
3 STORIES/ 42560 PER IBC	
SECTION 506	

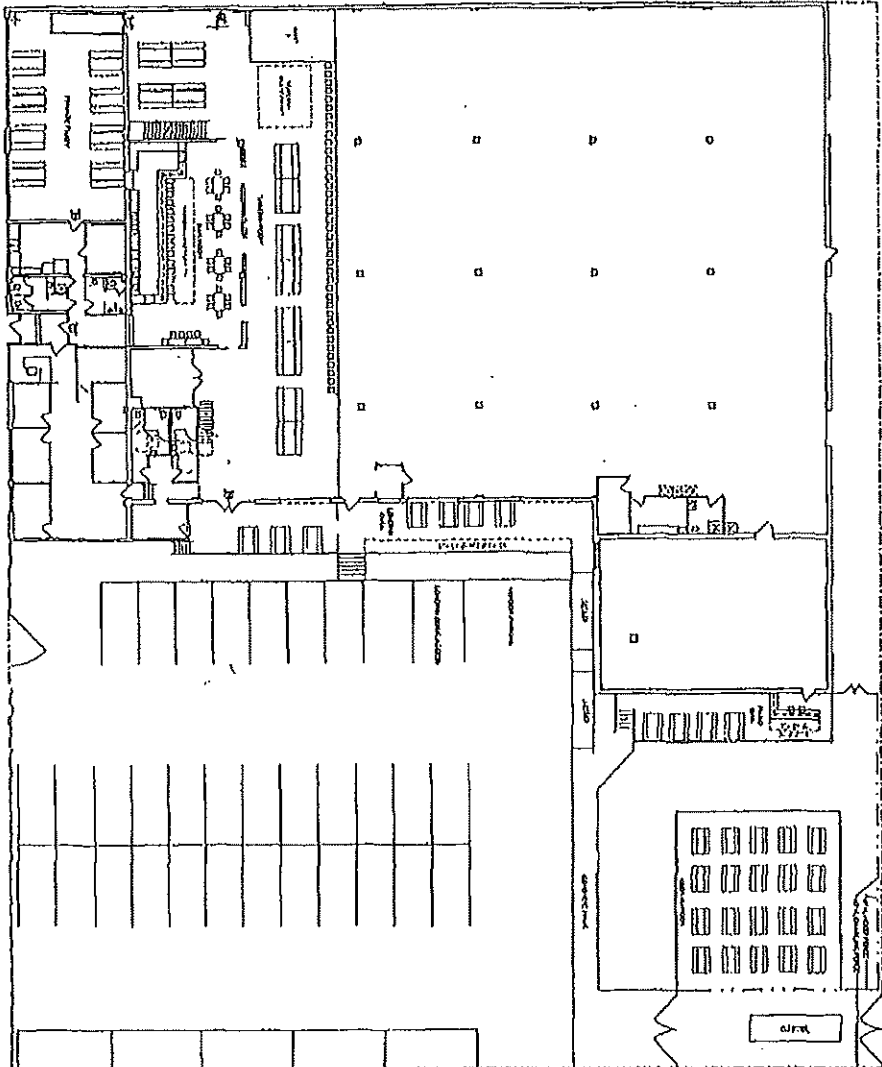


MEZZANINE PLAN  
1" = 40'-0"

EX 4



PLUMBING FIXTURE CALCULATIONS			
WATER CLOSETS (W/C):	FIXTURES REQUIRED	FIXTURES PROVIDED	
LAVATORIES (L2001):	4	4	
SERVICE SINK:	1	1	

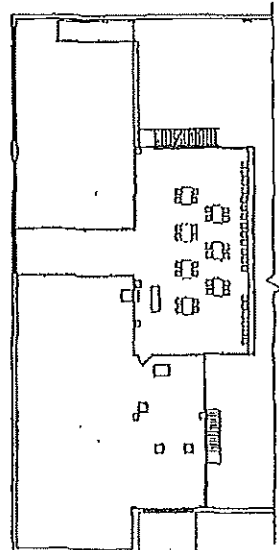


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OCCUPANCY CALCULATIONS		CODE COMPLIANCE	
TASTING ROOM SEATS:	155	CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 2B,	
TASTING ROOM STANDING:	40	FULLY SPRINKLED	
BAR ROOM SEATS:	30	USE GROUP(S): S1/F2/A2	
BAR ROOM BAR SEATS:	14	NON SEPARATED MIXED USE,	
BAR ROOM STANDING:	28	GROUP A2 IS	
PRIVATE PARTY:	64	MOST RESTRICTIVE	
MEZZANINE TOTAL:	44	ACTUAL HEIGHT & AREA	
LOADING DOCK SEATING:	42	2 STORIES/ 26500 SF	
PATIO BAR SEATING:	24	ALLOWABLE HEIGHT & AREA	
BEER GARDEN SEATING:	6	3 STORIES/ 42360 PER IBC	
BAND:	120	SECTION 506	
STAFF:	5		
TOTAL OCCUPANCY:	600		



MEZZANINE PLAN  
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Application  
Conditional Use Permit  
Production of Craft Beverages

Date 7/24/23

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Address: 211 W. 24th Street Norfolk, VA 23517

Existing Use of Property: O'Connor Brewery

Proposed Use: Manufacture + produce craft beverages on-site + tasting room

Current Building Square Footage: 26,500 Proposed Building Square Footage: 20,500

Trade Name of Business (if applicable): Armed Forces Brewing Company

**APPLICANT\***

1. Name of applicant: (Last) Beal (First) Alan (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of applicant (Street/P.O. Box): 211 W. 24th Street

(City): Norfolk (State): VA (Zip Code): 23517

Daytime telephone number of applicant: ☒ 410.999.4117

E-mail address: alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

**AUTHORIZED AGENT\* (if applicable)**

2. Name of applicant: (Last) Anderson (First) Timothy (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of applicant (Street/P.O. Box): 2492 W. Landing Rd #1001

(City): VA Beach (State): VA (Zip Code): 23456

Daytime telephone number of applicant: ☐ 7573013636 Fax ☐ 7573013640

E-mail address: timanderson@virginialawoffice.com

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Attachment: Applications (Armed Forces Brewery)



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PROPERTY OWNER\*

Ironbound AFBC Properties, LLC

3. Name of property owner: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of property owner (Street/P.O. box): 36 Christopher Columbus Blvd

(City): JACKSON (State): NC (Zip Code): 08527

Daytime telephone number of owner: ☒ 410.999.4117

E-mail address: alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

\*(If applicant/agent/property owner is a LLC or a Corp./Inc., include name of official representative and/or all partners)

CIVIC LEAGUE - BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - HOA INFORMATION

Civic League contact: Park Place

Date meeting attended/held: 1st Monday @ 630pm

Local Business Association (if applicable) contact: Railroad District Business Assoc.

Date meeting attended/held: 9/7/23

Home/Property/Condominium Owners Association (If applicable) contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date meeting attended/held: \_\_\_\_\_

Ward/Super Ward information: SW-7 / Dist 2

CERTIFICATION

I hereby submit this complete application and certify the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Print name: Alan Bean Sign: [Signature] 7/24/23

(Property Owner) Member of Ironbound AFBC Properties, LLC

Print name: Alan Bean Sign: [Signature] 7/24/23

(Applicant) (Date)

(If Applicable)

Print name: Tim Anderson Sign: [Signature] 9/15/23

(Authorized Agent Signature)

(Date)

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# EXHIBIT "A"

## Description of Operations Production of Craft Beverages

Date of Application: 7/24/23

Name of business: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Address of business: 211 W. 24th St. Norfolk, VA 23517

Name(s) of business owner(s)\*: Alan Beal, Bob Rupprecht, Amit Bupani, Jason Bailey, Robb O'Neil

Name(s) of property owner(s)\*: Fronbound AFBC Properties, LLC

Name of business managers/operators Alan Beal ; Bob Rupprecht

Daytime telephone number: ☒ 410.999.4114

\*If business or property owner is partnership, all partners must be listed.

\*If business or property owner is an LLC or Corporation, all principals must be listed.

### 1. Proposed Hours of open to the public:

Sale of Alcohol for Off-Premises  
(Only for alcohol brewed on-site)

Sale of Alcohol Sales for On-Premises  
(Other than tastings)

Weekday From 7am To: 12am Weekday From: 11am To: 12am

Friday From: 7am To: 12am Friday From: 11am To: 12am

Saturday From: 7am To: 12am Saturday From: 11am To: 12am

Sunday From: 7am To: 12am Sunday From: 11am To: 12am  
(Brewing operations permitted 24-hours)

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2. Will video games, pool tables, game boards or other types of games be provided?  
(If more than 4, additional application required) No

2a If yes, please describe type and number of each game to be provided:

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3. Will patrons ever be charged to enter the establishment?

Yes  
3a. If yes, why:

... Special ticketed events

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5b. Which days of the week will there be a cover charge (circle all applicable days):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

4. Will the facility or a portion of the facility be available for private parties?

Yes No

4a. If yes, explain:

Corporate parties, special events, wedding, receptions,  
Non-profit events, private parties, rehearsal dinners,  
Charity events, Birthday parties

5. Will a third party (promoter) be permitted to lease, let or use the establishment?

Yes No

5a. If yes, explain:

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6. Will there ever be a minimum age limit?


Yes No

7. Additional comments/description/operational characteristics or prior experience:

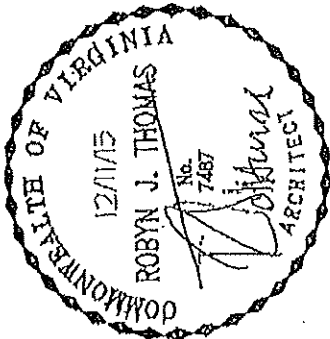
Smoking shall be prohibited in outdoor gathering areas  
signs shall be placed in conspicuous locations to indicate  
smoking limitations per city ordinance

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**Production of Craft Beverages**

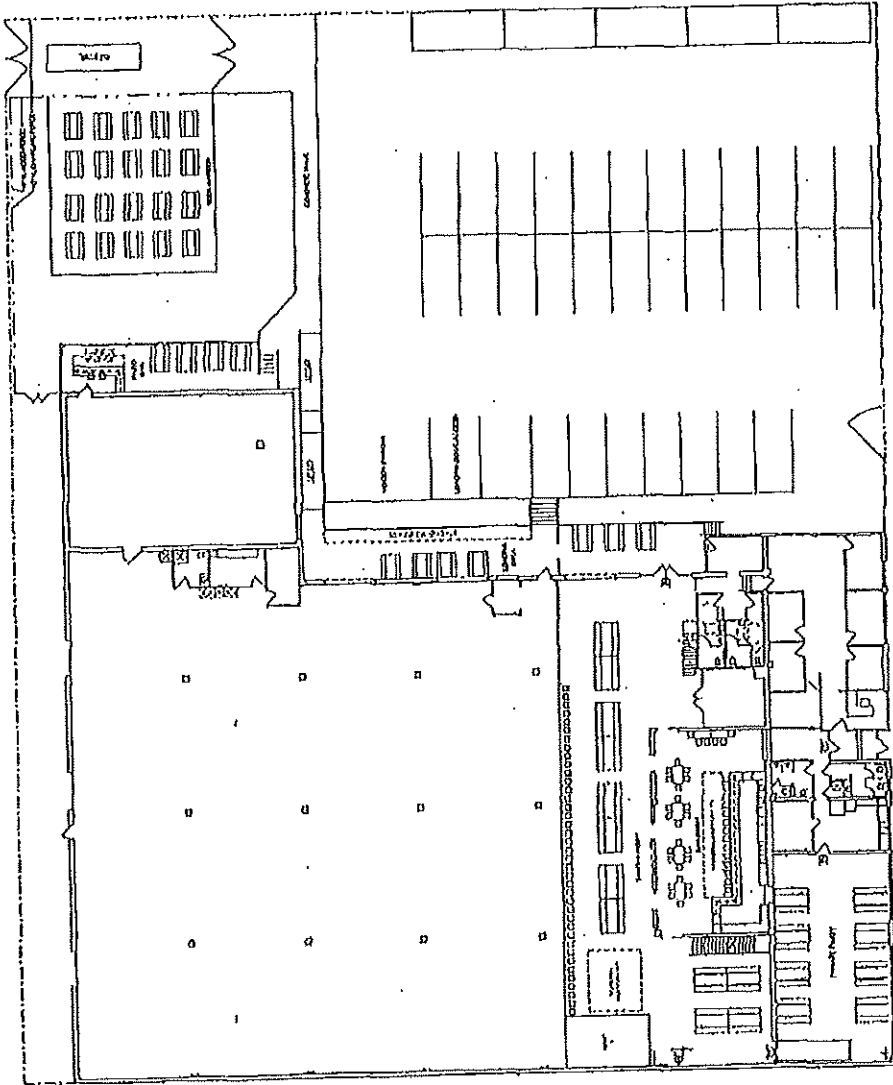
Note: If smoking is permitted, then floor plans must be submitted showing all necessary building code requirements for such facility



Signature of applicant/owner



PLUMBING FIXTURE CALCULATIONS	
WATER CLOSETS (1/15):	4
LAVATORIES (1/200):	5
SERVICE SINK:	1
FIXTURES REQUIRED	10
FIXTURES PROVIDED	10



FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
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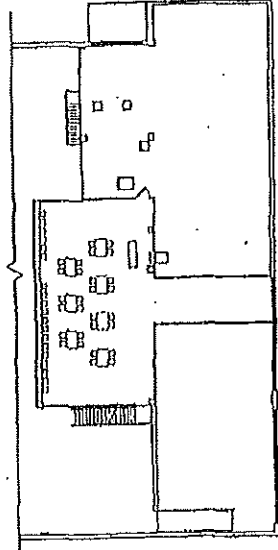
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PRIVATE PARTY

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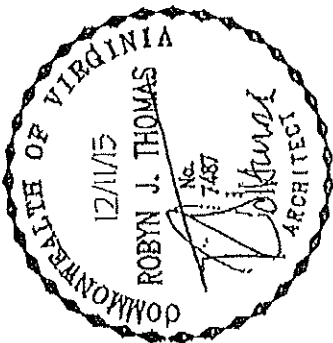
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OCCUPANCY CALCULATIONS	CODE COMPLIANCE
TASTING ROOM SEATS: 155	CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 2B,
TASTING ROOM STANDING: 40	RULY SPRINKLED
BAR ROOM SEATS: 30	USE GROUPS: S1 F2/ A2
BAR ROOM BAR SEATS: 14	NON SEPARATED MIXED USE,
BAR ROOM STANDING: 28	GROUP A2 IS
PRIVATE PARTY: 64	MOST RESTRICTIVE
MEZZANINE TOTAL: 49	ACTUAL HEIGHT & AREA
LOADING DOCK SEATING: 42	2 STORIES/ 26,500 SF
LOADING DOCK STANDING: 28	ALLOWABLE HEIGHT & AREA
PATIO BAR SEATS: 24	3 STORIES/ 42,560 PER IBC
PATIO BAR STANDING: 6	SECTION 506
BEER GARDEN SEATS: 120	
SAND: 5	
STAFF: 15	
TOTAL OCCUPANCY: 600	

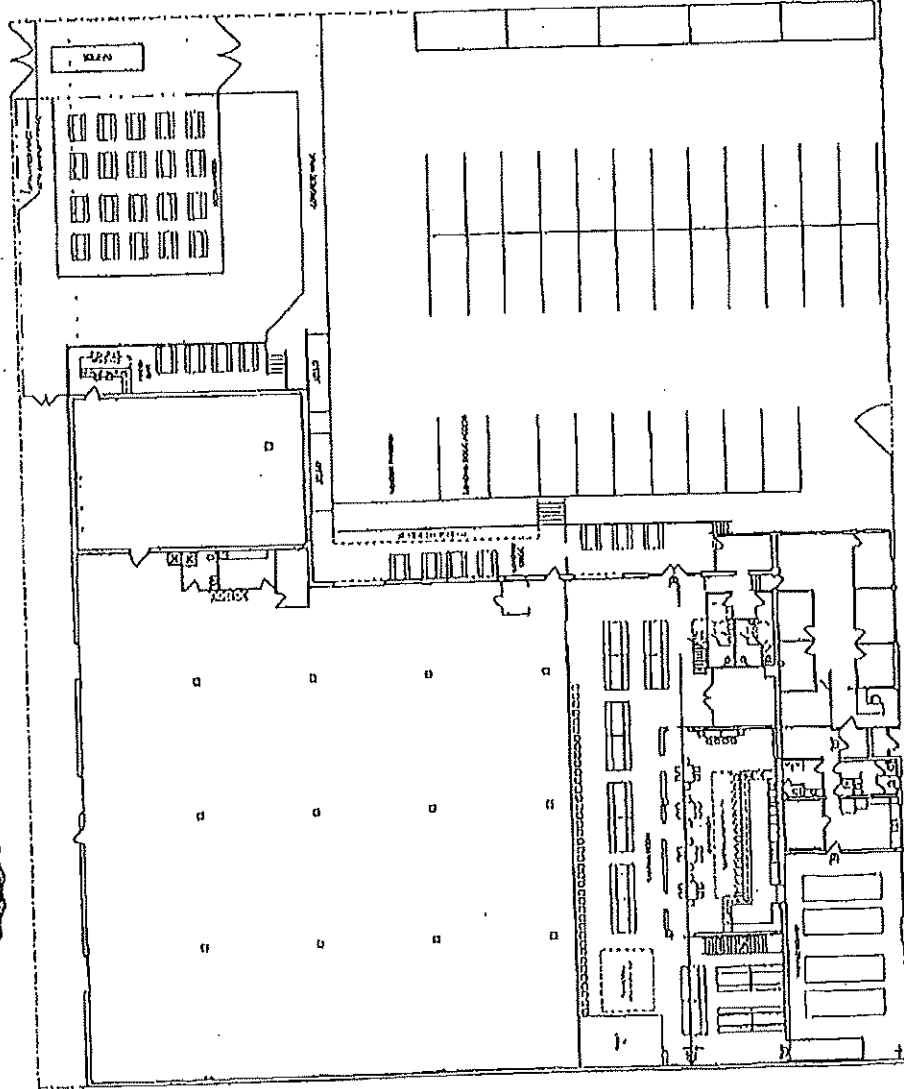


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1" = 40'-0"

Exhibit B



PLUMBING FIXTURE CALCULATIONS		
WATER CLOSETS (WTS):	FIXTURES REQUIRED	FIXTURES PROVIDED
LAVATORIES (L2000):	4	4
SERVICE SINK:	3	5



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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LAYOUT B - TASTING ROOM/  
GAME LAYOUT

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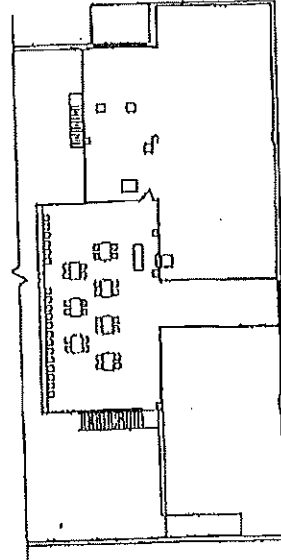
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OCCUPANCY CALCULATIONS	
TASTING ROOM SEATS:	161
TASTING ROOM STANDING:	40
BAR ROOM SEATS:	30
BAR ROOM BAR SEATS:	14
BAR ROOM STANDING:	28
SHUFFLE BOARD:	32
MEZZANINE TOTAL:	49
LOADING DOCK SEATING:	42
LOADING DOCK STANDING:	28
PATIO BAR SEATS:	24
PATIO BAR STANDING:	6
BEER GARDEN SEATS:	120
BAND:	5
STAFF:	15
TOTAL OCCUPANCY:	600

CODE CONFORMANCE	
CONSTRUCTION TYPE:	20.
FULLY SPRINKLED	
USE GROUP(S):	SU/ F2/ A2
NON SEPARATED MIXED USE	
GROUP A2 IS	
MOST RESTRICTIVE	
ACTUAL HEIGHT & AREA	
2 STORIES/ 28,500 SF	
ALLOWABLE HEIGHT & AREA	
3 STORIES/ 42,560 PER IBC	
SECTION 506	



MEZZANINE PLAN

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**Application  
Conditional Use Permit  
Live Entertainment  
(Please Print)**

Date: 7/24/23

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Address: 211 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street Norfolk VA 23517

Existing Use of Property: O'Connor Brewery

Proposed Use: Live Bands at Tap Room

Current Building Square Footage: 26,500 Proposed Building Square Footage: 26,500

Trade Name of Business (If applicable): Armed Forces Brewing Company

**APPLICANT\***

1. Name of applicant: (Last) Beal (First) Alan (MI)

Mailing address of applicant (Street/P.O. Box): 211 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street

(City): Norfolk (State): VA (Zip Code): 23517

Daytime telephone number of applicant: ☒ 410.999.4117

E-mail address: alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

**AUTHORIZED AGENT\* (If applicable)**

2. Name of applicant: (Last) Anderson (First) Timothy (MI) V

Mailing address of applicant (Street/P.O. Box): 2492 N. Landing Rd #104

(City): Virginia Beach (State): VA (Zip Code): 23456

Daytime telephone number of applicant: ☐ 7573013636 Fax: ☒ 7573013640

E-mail address: timanderson@virginiaweb.com

**PROPERTY OWNER\***

3. Name of property owner: (Last) Ironbound AFBC Properties, LLC (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address of property owner (Street/P.O. box): 36 Christopher Columbus Blvd  
(City): Jackson (State): NC (Zip Code): 08527  
Daytime telephone number of owner: ☒ 410.999.4117  
E-mail address: alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

\*(If applicant/agent/property owner is a LLC or a Corp./Inc., include name of official representative and/or all partners)

**CIVIC LEAGUE - BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - HOA INFORMATION**

Civic League contact: Park Place  
Date meeting attended/held: 1st Monday @ 630pm  
Local Business Association (If applicable) contact: Railroad District  
Date meeting attended/held: 9/7/23  
Home/Property/Condominium Owners Association (If applicable) contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date meeting attended/held: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ward/Super Ward Information: SW 7 / Dist 2

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby submit this complete application and certify the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Print name: Alan Beal Sign: [Signature] 7/24/23  
(Property Owner) member of Ironbound AFBC Properties, LLC (Date)  
Print name: Alan Beal Sign: [Signature] 7/24/23  
(Applicant) (Date)

(If Applicable)

Print name: Tim Anderson Sign: [Signature] 7/15/23  
(Authorized Agent Signature) (Date)





EXHIBIT "A"

Description of Operations  
Live Entertainment  
(Please Print)

Date: 7/24/23

Trade name of business: Armed Forces Brewing Company

Address of business: 211 W. 24th Street Norfolk, VA 23517

Name(s) of business owner(s)\*: Armed Forces Brewing Company, LLC  
Alan Beal, Bob Rupprecht, Amit Rupprecht, Jason Bailey, Robert Oliver

Name(s) of property owner(s)\*: Frambourn AFB Properties, LLC

Daytime telephone number: (810) 999-4117

\*If business or property owner is a partnership, all partners must be listed.

\*If business or property owner is an LLC or Corporation, all principals must be listed.

1. Proposed Hours of Operation:

Facility	Live Entertainment
Weekday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Weekday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Friday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Friday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Saturday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Saturday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>
Sunday From: <u>7am</u> To: <u>12am</u> Sunday	From: <u>11am</u> To: <u>12am</u>

2. Will ABC license be applied for?

(If so, a different application is required)

3. Will video games, pool tables, game boards or other types of games be provided?

Yes (If more than 4, additional application required)

No

3a If yes, please describe type and number of each game to be provided:



Exhibit A – Page 2  
Live Entertainment

4. Will patrons ever be charged to enter the establishment?

☒ Yes

☐ No

4a. If yes, why:

ONLY FOR TICKET SPECIAL EVENTS

4b. Which days of the week will there be a cover charge (circle all applicable days):

☒ Monday

☒ Tuesday

☒ Wednesday

☒ Thursday

☒ Friday

☒ Saturday

☒ Sunday

5. Will the facility or a portion of the facility be available for private parties?

☒ Yes

☐ No

5a. If yes, explain:

CORPORATE PARTIES/EVENTS, WEDDING RECEPTIONS,  
NON-PROFIT EVENTS, PRIVATE EVENTS, RECEPTION DINNER,  
CHARITY EVENTS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES

6. Will a third party (promoter) be permitted to lease, let or use the establishment?

☐ Yes

☒ No

6a. If yes, explain:

7. Will there ever be a minimum age limit?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Exhibit B – Managers  
Live Entertainment

8. Please provide relevant experience of all managers:

Manager Name: Alan Beal

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Date of Employment: 1/19 - Present

Manager Name: Bob Ruppner

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Date of Employment: 1/19 - Present

Manager Name: John Newell

Name and Address of Establishment: Armed Forces Brewing Company, Inc

Date of Employment: 7/29 - Present

Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired

Name and Address of Establishment: Assistant Manager

Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager Name: TBD - Not yet hired

Name and Address of Establishment: Assistant Manager

Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Additional comments/description/operational characteristics:

Live Bands, Festivals - smoking shall be prohibited in outdoor gathering areas & signs shall be placed in conspicuous locations to indicate smoking limitations per city ordinance

Note: If smoking is permitted, then floor plans must be submitted showing all necessary building code requirements for such facility

Signature of Applicant



LAYOUT A

Exhibit A - Floor Plan(s) Worksheet  
Entertainment Establishment

- Complete this worksheet based for each floor plan submitted with application.
- Floor plan(s) must be prepared by a registered design professional and include:
  - Tables/seats
  - Restroom facilities
  - Bar
  - Ingress and egress
  - Standing room
  - Disc Jockey/Band/Entertainment area)
  - Outdoor seating
  - Total maximum capacity (including employees)

1. Total capacity

- a. Indoor
- Number of seats (not including bar seats) 278
- Number of bar seats 14
- Standing room 68
- Band 5
- b. Outdoor
- Number of seats (Loading Dock) 42
- Standing room (Loading Dock) 28
- c. Number of employees 15

Beer garden 120

Patio Bar Seats 24

Patio Bar Standing 6

Total Occupancy

(Indoor/Outdoor seats, standing room and employees) = 600

*Parking lot to be closed but no more than 600 total will be on site*

2. Entertainment

List ANY type of entertainment proposed other than a 3 member live band, karaoke, comedian, or poetry reading.

15 member band, Projection screen, Craft & Festival style markets

3. Will a dance floor be provided?

☐ Yes ☒ No

3a. If yes,

Square footage of establishment \_\_\_\_\_

Square footage of dance floor \_\_\_\_\_

- If a disc jockey is proposed, a dance floor must be provided.
- If the dance floor is more than 10% of the square footage of the establishment, a Dance Hall permit is required.

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# LAYOUT B

## Exhibit A - Floor Plan(s) Worksheet Entertainment Establishment

- Complete this worksheet based for each floor plan submitted with application.
- Floor plan(s) must be prepared by a registered design professional and include:
  - Tables/seats
  - Restroom facilities
  - Bar
  - Ingress and egress
  - Standing room
  - Disc Jockey/Band/Entertainment area
  - Outdoor seating
  - Total maximum capacity (including employees)

### 1. Total capacity

a. Indoor		
Number of seats (not including bar seats)	246	Beer Garden 120
Number of bar seats	14	Patio Bar Seats 24
Standing room	68	Patio Bar Standing 6
Band Entertainment Area	5	
b. Outdoor	32	
Number of seats (Landing Deck)	42	
Standing Room (Landing Deck)	28	
c. Number of employees	15	

### Total Occupancy

(Indoor/Outdoor seats, standing room and employees) = 1000  
*Parking lot to be used but no more than 600 people will be on site.*

### 2. Entertainment

List ANY type of entertainment proposed other than a 3 member live band, karaoke, comedian, or poetry reading.

5 member band, presentation, screen, craft  
 + festival style markets

### 3. Will a dance floor be provided?

☐ Yes ☒ No

#### 3a. If yes,

Square footage of establishment \_\_\_\_\_

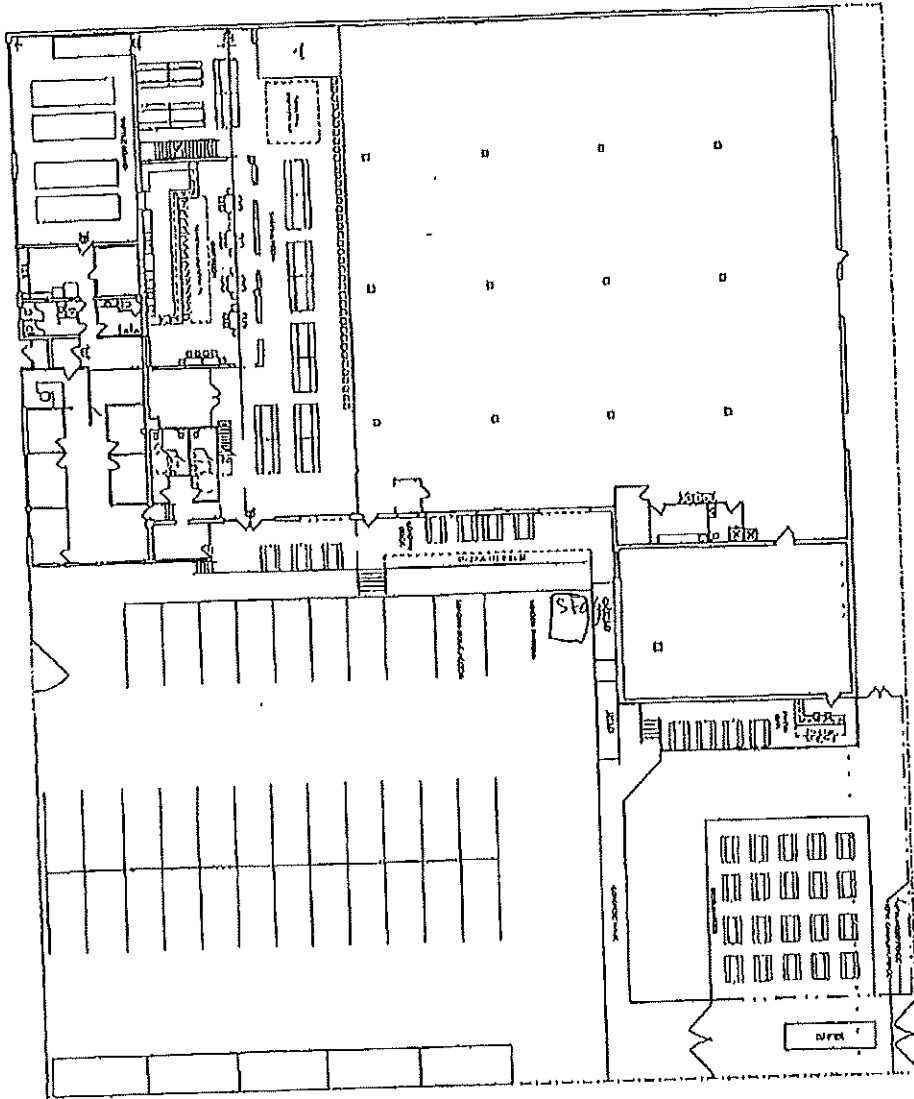
Square footage of dance floor \_\_\_\_\_

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PLUMBING FIXTURE CALCULATIONS			
	FIXTURES REQUIRED	FIXTURES PROVIDED	
WATER CLOSETS (W/C)	4	4	
LAVATORIES (L/200)	3	5	
SERVICE SINK	1	1	



FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
1" = 40'-0"

ROBYN THOMAS  
ARCHITECTURE

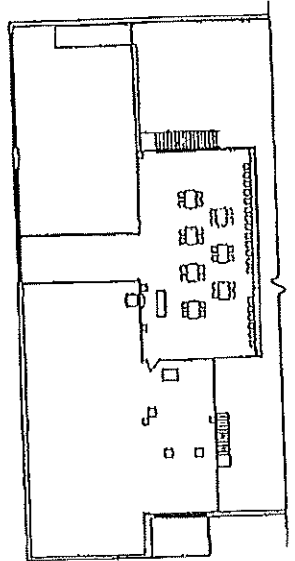
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O'CONNOR BREWING COMPANY  
LAYOUT B - TASTING ROOM/  
GAME LAYOUT

211 N. 24TH STREET

OCCUPANCY CALCULATIONS	
TASTING ROOM SEATS:	167
TASTING ROOM STANDING:	40
BAR ROOM SEATS:	30
BAR ROOM BAR SEATS:	14
BAR ROOM STANDING:	28
SHUFFLE BOARD:	32
MEZZANINE TOTAL:	49
LOADING DOCK SEATING:	42
LOADING DOCK STANDING:	28
PATIO BAR SEATS:	24
PATIO BAR STANDING:	6
BEER GARDEN SEATS:	120
BAND:	5
STAFF:	15
TOTAL OCCUPANCY:	600

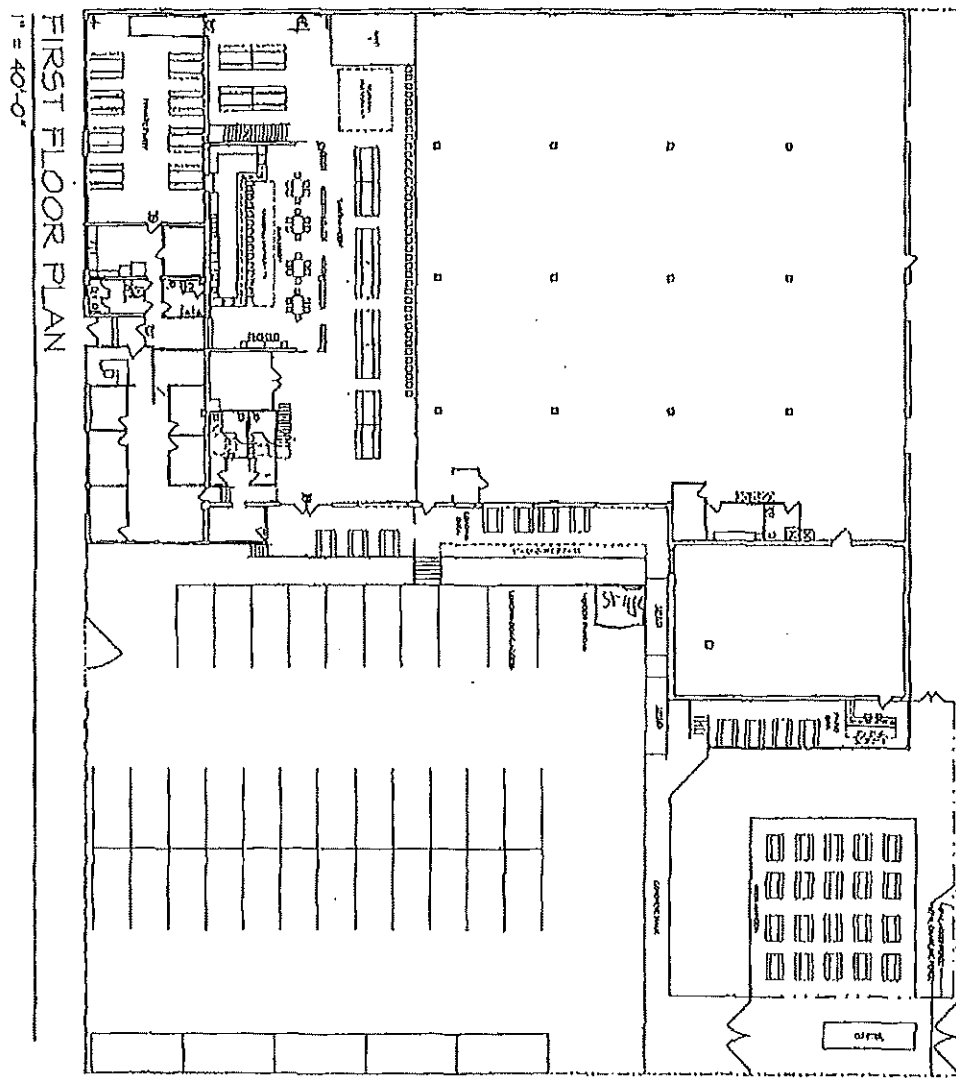
CODE COMPLIANCE	
CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 2B,	
FULLY SPRINKLED	
USE GROUP(S): S1/ F2/ A2	
NON SEPARATED MIXED USE,	
GROUP A2 IS	
MOST RESTRICTIVE	
ACTUAL HEIGHT & AREA	
2 STORIES/ 16500 SF	
ALLOWABLE HEIGHT & AREA	
3 STORIES/ 42500 PER IBC	
SECTION 506	



MEZZANINE PLAN  
1" = 40'-0"



PLUMBING FIXTURE CALCULATIONS			
WATER CLOSETS (W/C)	FIXTURES REQUIRED	FIXTURES PROVIDED	
LAVATORIES (L/200)	4	4	
SERVICE SINK	1	1	



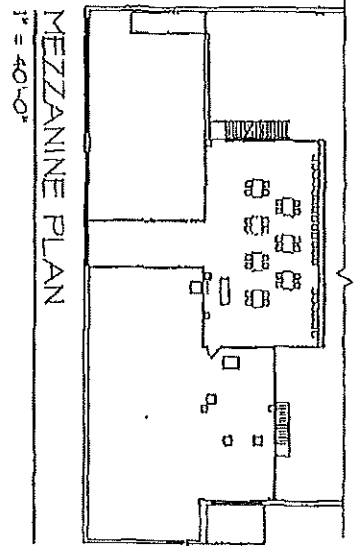
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OCCUPANCY CALCULATIONS	
TASTING ROOM SEATS:	155
TASTING ROOM STANDING:	40
BAR ROOM SEATS:	30
BAR ROOM BAR SEATS:	14
BAR ROOM STANDING:	25
PRIVATE PARTY:	64
NEZANINE TOTAL:	44
LOADING DOCK SEATING:	42
LOADING DOCK STANDING:	28
PATIO BAR SEATS:	24
PATIO BAR STANDING:	6
BEER GARDEN SEATS:	120
BAND:	5
STAFF:	5
TOTAL OCCUPANCY:	600

CODE COMPLIANCE	
CONSTRUCTION TYPE: 2B,	
FULLY SPRINKLED	
USE GROUP(S): S1/ F2/ A2	
NON SEPARATED MIXED USE,	
GROUP A2 IS	
MOST RESTRICTIVE	
ACTUAL HEIGHT & AREA	
2 STORIES/ 26500 SF	
ALLOWABLE HEIGHT & AREA	
3 STORIES/ 42500 PER IBC	
SECTION 506	



MEZZANINE PLAN  
1" = 40'-0"

SECURITY PLAN OF  
ARMED FORCES BREWING COMPANY  
211 W 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Norfolk, Virginia 23517

Definition of "Security"

Se-cu-ri-ty – noun

- Freedom from danger, risk, etc.; safety
- Freedom from worry, anxiety, or doubt, well-founded confidence
- Something that secures or makes safe; protection; defense
- Precautions taken to guard against crime, attack, etc.

Goals:

- To create a safe and secure environment within Armed Forces Brewing Company for all our patrons.
- To provide a level of control and safety for all arriving and departing guests of Armed Forces Brewing Company.
- To mitigate any noise or inappropriate conduct by patrons of Armed Forces Brewing Company entering or leaving the facility which impairs the quiet enjoyment of immediate neighbors, particularly residents living nearby.
- To peacefully and effectively resolve all dangerous situations before any injury to any person or property may occur. The Armed Forces Brewing Company staff and security team shall provide an assertive presence by displaying integrity and professionalism while executing their duties and responsibilities in an effort to maintain security, protection, and safety of all members of the public.
- To ensure a complete, orderly, safe, and swift evacuation of the facility in case of fire, explosion, or any other uncontrolled dangers within the building.
- To protect and promote the courteous, inviting, and hospitable character of the neighborhood and the City of Norfolk generally.

Features of the Plan:

**Security Team:**

Armed Forces Brewing Company contracts with Freelance Security Services, a professional, experienced, and well-known security service provider in Norfolk that employs former law enforcement and military professionals as its agents. Armed Forces Brewing Company will also have 1-2 in-house security staff members, a taproom manager and/or a taproom assistant manager on site during taproom operating hours.



### Rules and Regulations:

Armed Forces Brewing Company will follow all Norfolk city ordinances and Virginia ABC laws. The following policies will be posted at access points to the facility in plain view of anyone entering the premises.

- No one under 21 will be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. All patrons will be asked to produce a valid state driver's license or state ID card to prove their age. Anyone that produces a fake ID, the ID will be confiscated, and that person will be escorted off the property and the ID turned over to the Virginia ABC. Adults and Families with children are allowed in the AFBC taproom and outdoor beer garden areas.
- Shoes or flip flops and shirts are required at all times.
- Only certified service dogs are permitted inside the taproom and on the property. All service dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- No one from the general public is allowed in the production area facility unless accompanied by a member of our management team.
- Smoking or vaping is not allowed in the indoor taproom and production facility. Smoking and vaping is allowed in the outdoor beer garden
- Armed Forces Brewing Company has a zero-drug policy. No illegal controlled substances or illegal and/or medicinal or smoking of marijuana is allowed on the property at any time. Anyone under the influence of the above-mentioned drugs will be asked to leave the premises. If we suspect anyone of handing off or selling drugs on property or are conducting the same action in peripheral view of the property, AFBC will call our local Norfolk Police Department for assistance and reporting.
- Guns, knives, tasers, mace, or any item that may be used as a weapon are not allowed on the property at any time.
- Any patron that communicates threats of violence and/or bodily harm and/or physically assaults another patron or staff member will be asked to leave the premises. Physical assaults require us to contact the Norfolk Police Department for assistance and reporting.
- Any patron making inappropriate and disparaging statements to other patrons and/or staff members, will be asked to vacate the premises.
- Employees may never consume alcohol or come to work under the influence of a controlled substance while working at AFBC. Any employee found to be drinking alcohol or under the influence of a controlled substance while on the job will be immediately terminated.



Anyone violating Norfolk city ordinances, Virginia ABC laws, and these policies will be asked to leave and escorted off the premises by our security and/or management team. Anyone declining to vacate the premises at our request will be subject to dealing with local Norfolk law enforcement.

Our entire management team and staff will be TIPS certified (alcohol serving and intoxication awareness program).

- TIPS Virginia On-Premise Alcohol Server Training (STAP) + Food Handler
- TIPS Virginia Off-Premise Alcohol Delivery Training
- TIPS Virginia Seller/Server STAP Alcohol Training
- TIPS Concessions Alcohol Training

Our Servers are trained to serve one 16oz beer and no more than two 4oz tastings to a patron per hour.

#### **Access:**

Patrons may park in our parking lot by entering off 24<sup>th</sup> street. Parking spaces are clearly marked and there are handicapped spaces marked per city code by our wheelchair accessible ramp. Patrons are also allowed to park on the street as determined and regulated by city ordinance.

#### **Integration:**

Our management team is specifically trained to interface and cooperate with local law enforcement in any circumstances. Armed Forces Brewing Company is a 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of eyes on the neighborhood and will be diligently watching not just our own property but the surrounding neighborhood properties for instances of criminal conduct. Our Managers and Community Outreach Officer will also be in constant communication with surrounding businesses, apartment complexes, and neighborhood associations to exchange information, hear grievances, develop collaborative anti-crime strategies, and collaboratively work with local law enforcement outreach to curb crime in our area.

#### **Uniform For Security Team:**

Freelance Security Services Licensed Agents will be wearing their standard issue uniforms and company shield badges. Armed Forces Brewing Company security (Managers and Doormen) will be wearing black t-shirts that have a very large and distinct 10 inch x 4.5 inch Armed Forces Brewing Company logo on the front of the shirt. The back of the t-shirt says "We Got Your Six" which in the military and law enforcement community means "We Have Your Back".

#### **Security Team:**

Freelance Security Services has 1 Agent on our property during the busiest taproom hours and overnight until 9am, 7 days a week. Our Freelance Security Agent will be monitoring our parking, assessing parking on 24<sup>th</sup> street, preventing and stopping patrons that may attempt to walk off our property with open containers, and assisting with any security or medical issues that may arise inside the taproom. Armed Forces Brewing Company Management consists of 1 trained Taproom Manager and 1 trained Assistant Taproom Manager that will be on property for operational and security continuity during all operational hours. We will also have 1 trained "Doorman" on staff that will be monitoring our taproom and will be working in tandem with our Freelance Security Agent. We will have 2 or more "Doormen" for special events and/or whenever occupancy exceeds 250. We will have 3 or more "Doormen" when occupancy exceeds 500 persons.

### **General Duties and Responsibilities:**

It is the duty of every team member to protect our patrons, employees, and establishment from any and all perceived and real threatening situations. Each member of our Security Team will be trained to ensure our staff and our patrons are following all city and state laws and AFBC policies. They are trained to set up and control queuing in accordance with any floor plans approved through the City's special exception process. All members will work in concert to maintain order within the facility and outside in the immediate surroundings so as to prevent any activity which would interfere with the quiet enjoyment of nearby property owners or leaseholders.

#### **Freelance Security Agent:**

- Monitor flow of traffic in and out of our parking lot.
- Assess street parking on 24<sup>th</sup> street and around our premises.
- Prevent any instances of crime i.e. property damage, car break-ins, car jacking, etc...
- Liaison with City and State law enforcement and first responders.
- During emergency evacuation, ensure that all security team members are properly executing emergency duties and responsibilities.
- Reports directly to facility managers.
- Maintain CPR certification.

#### **Taproom Manager:**

- Supervise all Security Team members and monitor all member's compliance with the Security Plan.
- Rove entire venue during operating hours to ensure patron flow and maintenance of open aisles and clear pathways to exits.
- Coordinate the configuration of the floor plan on a daily basis in accordance with any floor plans approved by the City's special exception process.
- Liaison to state and city enforcement officers and emergency responders.
- Provide or arrange security accompaniment for employees departing at the end of their shift.
- During emergency evacuation, ensure that all security team members properly execute their emergency duties and responsibilities.
- Maintain CPR certification.

#### **Assistant Taproom Manager:**

- Supervise all Security Team members and monitor all member's compliance with the Security Plan.
- Rove entire venue during operating hours to ensure patron flow and maintenance of open aisles and clear pathways to exits.
- Coordinate the configuration of the floor plan on a daily basis in accordance with any floor plans approved by the City's special exception process.
- Liaison to state and city enforcement officers and emergency responders.
- Provide or arrange security accompaniment for employees departing at the end of their shift.
- During emergency evacuation, ensure that all security team members properly execute their emergency duties and responsibilities.
- Maintain CPR certification.

#### **Door Security:**

- Control activity at main entrance at all times, monitoring entry of patrons and maintaining a clear egress.
- Control access to the brewery.
- Check for proper ID and enforce dress code.
- Keep count of all persons entering and leaving the brewery.
- Maintain security presence in restroom area.
- Maintain CPR certification.

#### **Stationary and Roving Security:**

- Monitor continual compliance with Virginia ABC regulations.
- Identify and address hazards as they arise.
- Maintain security around bar area and restroom corridor.
- Rove entire brewery during hours of operation to ensure patron flow and maintenance of open aisles and clear pathway to all exits.
- Regularly check emergency exits to ensure they are clear and accessible.
- During an emergency evacuation, direct patrons to exits in a calm manner.
- Maintain CPR certification.

#### **Communication:**

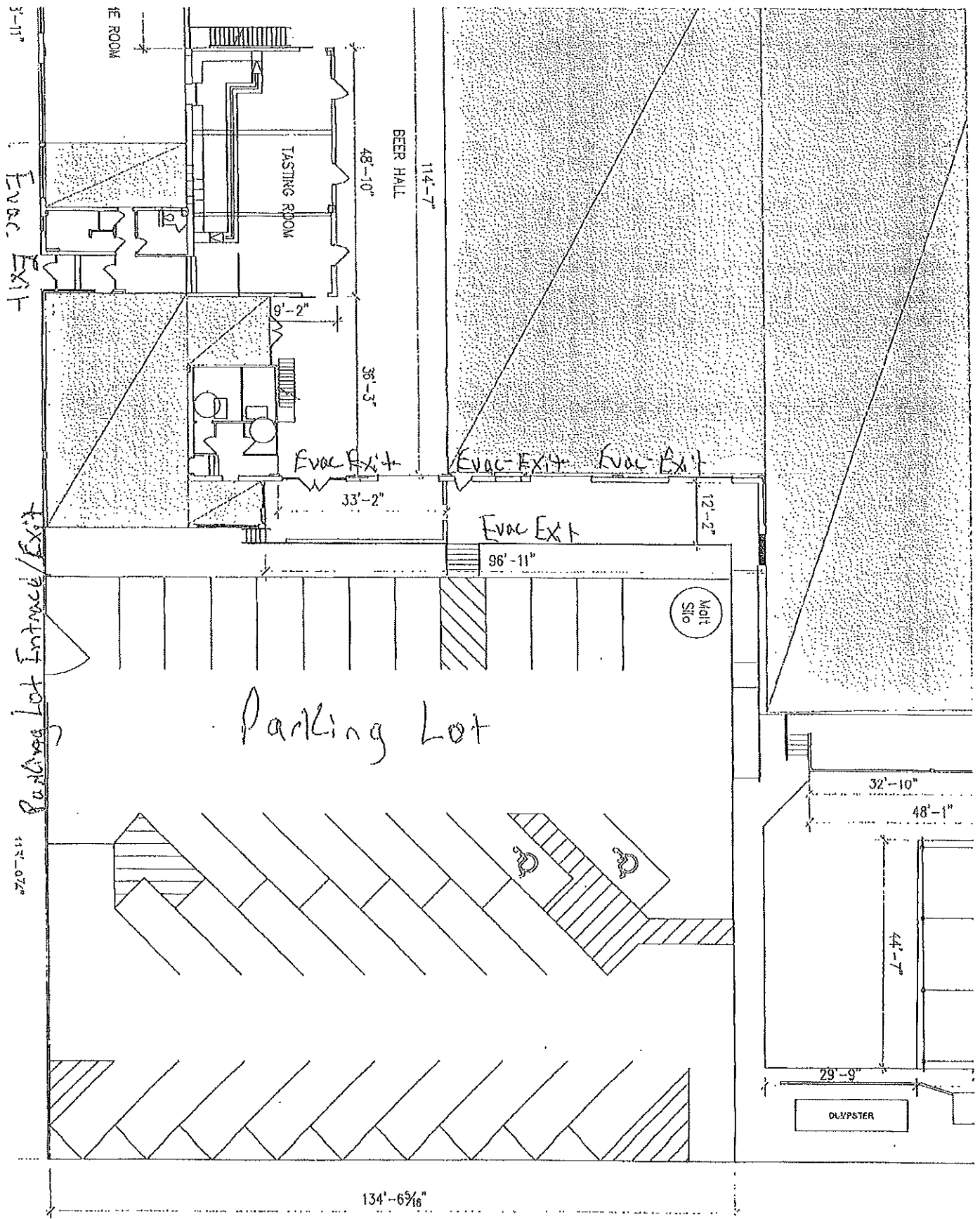
All team members will carry walkie-talkies during hours of operation and special events. We will utilize ear piece/microphone as warranted. This allows staff to be hands free and better facilitate their duties. Security Team Leader will monitor all radio traffic. While all security staff will be required to carry a flashlight. We will have a designated area for flashlights for the staff.

#### **Electronic Security:**

We will contract ASI Security to provide security/fire monitoring. We plan to install 23 cameras. This will give us coverage in the taproom, production area, beer garden, parking lot and 24th street. We will be able to monitor all activity inside/outside of the brewery. We will be able to review video on site and remotely. If the situation arises, we will fully cooperate with local Police and provide any data they need. They will be able to work closely with the Taproom Manager.

#### **Emergency Evacuation Plan:**

During production hours, our designated meeting spot will be in the back corner of the parking lot. It is at this time we will take roll call to ensure all staff have exited the brewery safely. During business hours, customers will be in the taproom. We will have our Security, Taproom Management and Staff ensure an orderly and complete evacuation into the parking lot exiting out of multiple egress. We have light-up exit signs above the taproom doors with the ability to open our rollup doors. We have a secondary evacuation exit on 24th street.





September 11th, 2023

Armed Forces Brewing Company  
211 W 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Norfolk, VA 23517  
(757) 900-AFBC

To Norfolk City Planning,

This letter is to confirm that Armed Forces Brewing Company attended a Park Place Civic League Board Meeting regarding our Condition Use Permit requirements on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Best Regards,

*Alan Beal*

Alan Beal, CEO

**From:** John Porter

<john@handsomebiscuit.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:52 PM

**To:** alan@armedforcesbrewingco.com

**Cc:** Nicole Maxino

<nicole@armedforcesbrewingco.com>; Pollock,

Susan <susan.pollock@norfolk.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Armed Forces Brewing Company  
CUP

\*\*\* This is an EXTERNAL email. Please  
exercise caution. \*\*\*

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Alan--thanks so much to you and Nicole for  
taking the time to share your plans with us  
today. The Railroad District Business  
Association has voted to not object to your CUP  
applications. Take care and see you around the  
neighborhood.--John

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Michael Llc  
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Norfolk VA 23510-2503

Sdi Enterprise, Llc  
2372 S Stowe Rd  
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Michael Llc  
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Williams, Sherri

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From: Williams, Sherri  
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 5:04 PM  
To: Royster, Danica; Doyle, Courtney; ppba35th@gmail.com; MyParkPlaceCL@gmail.com; Robison, Stephen  
Cc: Brennan, Robert  
Subject: New Planning Commission Item-211 w 24th Street  
Attachments: Applications Combined-updated.pdf

Attached please find the following information tentatively scheduled to be heard at the November 16, 2023 Planning Commission public hearing:

**ARMED FORCES BREWERY**, for the following Conditional Use Permits at 211 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street: (*Ward 2/Superward 7*)

- a. Banquet Hall.
- b. Production of Craft Beverages.
- c. Live Entertainment.

The purpose of these requests is to allow the operation of a banquet hall with live entertainment and the production of craft beverages.

Staff contact: Robert Brennan at (757) 620-5911, [robert.brennan@norfolk.gov](mailto:robert.brennan@norfolk.gov)

Thank You

Sherri Williams, CZO  
City Planner I – City Clerk



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Attachment: Email to Civic League (Armed Forces Brewery)



	Name	Please write an additional message you would like included.
1	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
2	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Disgusting business.
3	Erica Wenner Hensley	<p>More recently, Robert O'Neill, who is affiliated with Armed Forces Brewing, made disparaging comments about Norfolk City government on his podcast, which can be viewed here:  <a href="https://youtu.be/NAWuMMBWP58?si=tLgjRFK4JvZ5nOne">https://youtu.be/NAWuMMBWP58?si=tLgjRFK4JvZ5nOne</a></p> <p>I think it is clear that Armed Forces Brewing does not represent the value of our city and would create a much less welcoming and inclusive atmosphere in Norfolk, and they should not be granted the necessary licenses and permits to open their business in our city.</p>
4	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
5	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
6	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
7	Erica Howell	
8	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
9	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Watch their video, then seriously reconsider approving any permits. They are trouble and not welcome. They are not inclusive and loudly proclaim their distaste for anyone different.
10	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
11	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I don't think we need this type of attitude in our city
12	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
13	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
14	Alan L Smith	A business that uses violence and misogyny to promote its brand is not the type of business we need in Norfolk. I am also concerned with the type of clients the business will attract using this form of advertising. Furthermore, if this is who they actually are, I have concerns that this business will not be a safe and inclusive place for people to work.
15	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This company does not belong nor do they represent Norfolk.

		<p>I am all about free speech, but this company's ad is completely unnecessary and borders on divisiveness and hate speech. I believe if a company should be so blatant to "shout from the rooftops" using such rhetoric, what else will their practices be? Would it even stop there? It creates a slippery slope which our city leaders will need to be held accountable for, because then other businesses will be able to cite the admission of Armed Forces Brewing Company as a reference for why they should be admitted to pursue business in a community such as ours.</p> <p>With the gun violence that we already face, why add more to it? Given the potential location of this company, being that it is right in the heart of the city where diverse populations live, why is this even up for discussion? Let's be known FOR unifying, FOR giving back, FOR community development and growth, FOR goodness, and FOR the future of our city and NOT FOR anything that should threaten those basic positive things.</p>
16	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
17	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
		<p>I am an active duty service member who has spent years trying to build relationships and trust in this community. This business will erode trust and encourage toxic masculinity and misogyny, and I'm afraid we will go back to the days of "Dogs and Sailors keep off the grass!" signs. I support differing viewpoints and freedom of speech, but I also recognize welcoming people who tell critics to "shut up because we have tanks" will only create hostility and trouble within our community. Threatening community members who do not agree with their messaging and advertising is not ok and unprofessional.</p> <p>Please help us keep the culture of inclusivity and mutual respect we've worked so hard to build.</p>
18	Anna Hook	
		<p>Honestly as an active duty service member we don't need to be glamorizing the military more than we already do. Instead of investing in a brewing company into this area, how about we invest in getting service that so many of us desperately need. Mental health services, housing, and other needs.</p>
19	Michael Scott	
20	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
21	Concerned Norfolk resident	

22	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Armed Forces brewing company has no place in Norfolk. They are seeking to create controversy to attract business. Their business model of taking investments from average customers is exploitive at best, a ponzi scheme at worst. Norfolk is too welcoming and diverse of a community to accept this “business” into our community. Also, their beer is probably garbage that would not stand up to the standard of quality that is the Norfolk craft beer scene.
23	Concerned Veteran Norfolk Citizen	As a prior service member, I was happy to hear of another veteran-supportive company becoming a part of the community. But once I learned about its toxic leadership, I was angry. How dare someone ride on the backs of the military to boost their business which will only promote ill intentions and worse, making someone with so much influence even bigger. This is not what this community needs nor why I've chosen to stay in an area that goes out of its way to celebrate diversity and promote promise.
24	Krista Everett	Norfolk is a place of diversity and it is crucial to have businesses that support and are inclusive to our community. The promotion video is misogynistic and glorifies murder. This man is using our military and the traumatic events U.S. service members have experienced to sell beer. Our community deserves better.
25	Butch Bracknell	Armed Forces Brewing Company (AFBC) spokesman and shareholder Robert O’Neill was arrested in Texas this week and used the N word at a security person during the arrest. This is who they are. They shouldn’t be in Norfolk. He hasn’t been convicted, but “beyond a reasonable doubt” isn’t the standard you need to apply to make decisions as a planning board which enable council’s actions. Civic Leagues and Hoffman, this is not a good look for our city and Hoffman’s customers.
26	Victoria Davis	
27	Nick Newbold	He was just arrested in Texas while spewing racially motivated slurs. Do not let them into our neighborhood.
28	Tyler Neal	Norfolk has no room to cater to businesses that display racist, sexist, and homophobic remarks. The region would be better with a sitting, empty lot than a brewery ran by bad apples.
29	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
30	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
31	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
32	Nicole Jones	Norfolk businesses are synonymous with inclusiveness. What are we doing here? We've come so far... let's not set the clock back. All should be welcome. ALL.
33	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
34	Herminio Nunez	

35	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I'm not a citizen of tidewater but visit friends often. A non inclusive business in Norfolk will detract from the appeal of this great city. All of it's communities must feel welcome. A business..especially in the hospitality industry has no place and will not serve the common interests if allowed to express anti LGBTQ sentiments. It's bad for Norfolk's image and further divides the people.
36	Alexandra Pouder	There is no room for extremists in our community! Please keep our community safe
37	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
38	Taylor Jacobson	
39	Julia Redmon	
40	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The actions of this brewery both in their advertising and online interactions do not align with the values and spirit of Norfolk. Please do not let them make a home here in an inclusive and diverse city that has put in so much work to make it safe and welcoming.
41	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is concerning. Please be aware. Thank you.
42	A Teacher in Norfolk	<p>I am writing to express my deep concerns about the potential establishment of Armed Forces Brewing Company in our beloved city of Norfolk. As a dedicated educator and active member of the community, I feel it is my duty to articulate some pressing issues that deserve our collective attention.</p> <p>The ethos and advertising tactics employed by Armed Forces Brewing Company promote values that are not aligned with the principles we hold dear in Norfolk. A cursory examination of their marketing material reveal an alarming tendency to glorify violence, misogyny, and toxic masculinity fostering an environment of exclusion.</p> <p>Norfolk is celebrated for its progressive ideals, where inclusivity, acceptance, and cooperation are not just encouraged but actively practiced. In my local classroom, I strive to instill these values in our future leaders, nurturing a community where everyone feels welcome and respected. Unfortunately, the presence of a company that openly contradicts these ideals threatens to undermine the progress we have made as a community.</p> <p>While the proponents of Armed Forces Brewing Company may argue the potential economic benefits of its presence in Norfolk, I firmly believe that no financial gain can compensate for the damage it could inflict on our community's harmony. The values promoted by this company not only run counter to what we have worked to achieve but also have the potential to leave lasting scars on our societal fabric.</p>

43	Juan Carlos Estremera	I am a Marine Corps veteran who does not agree with the message this company is will bring to Hampton Roads. It is not just about Norfolk, but the surrounding areas as well. Hampton Roads is extremely diverse and we do not need businesses entering the area bringing platforms and messages of divisiveness.
44	Robert Bracknell	I know I have already communicated once and that this matter is not her before Council for a CUP renewal. We know their application is coming because they occupied the brewery and are still raising money. It would make no sense to do that if they didn't intend to operate a taproom. So I'm renewing my objection to AFBC's locating inside the industrial Ghent/Park Place corridor. Their demonstrated values — anti gay, pro violence, election denying, myoginist, nativist — are antithetical to Norfolk's vibe.
45	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
46	Arik Snyder	
47	Beth Brooker, Concerned Norfolk C	Norfolk is not the place for this brewery. Please do not approve a CUP for them. Their comments on social media against the LGBTQIA community i not what Norfolk needs.
48	MARGARET DOYLE	I am a BEER DRINKER, BUT i WILL never EVER DRINK THIS BEER. Because the company brand is opposed to PEACE. I watched the commercial with a Hooters style girl, doing what the macho man with weapons says to do. He then parodies killing a man who has a different opinion of his beer. It is the worst thing that has happened to the craft beer scene in Norfolk. I hate violence. I hate guns, I hate drinking beer that promotes misogynisti ideas.
49	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Not only are the already taking from the community by unfairly utilizing Virginia tax dollars, they contribute nothing (woohoo, 5 jobs) but bigotry and are disgustingly trying to hide it under our veterans whom we are so proud of.
50	James reynolds	
51	Concerned Citizen	The hateful views of this company do not reflect the inclusive values of our community and we stand against them opening a location in Norfolk or anywhere in Hampton Roads.
52	William Dodson	Norfolk should not let these outsiders undermine the values and progression that this city has created in the last 20 years. This brewery will do nothing but cause more problems for the citizens of this city.
53	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
54	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
55	Scout Battenfeld	
56	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	These are not the values I expect from Norfolk.
57	Connor Mathews	
58	Dan Worrell	
59	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

60	Joseph Cloonan	Please do not allow this travesty to occur in our wonderful city.
61	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I am horrified by the messaging and branding. This group is demonstrating biases and bigotry towards many groups and vulnerable populations, which is scary and invalidates all the hard work done by groups and individuals to decrease harm.
62	Former OCB employee	As the former director of operations at O'Connor Brewing I'm beyond sad to see such an openly bigoted company plan to put down roots in the wonderful Norfolk community. I'm proud of the part I played in helping to create and contribute to an inclusive space at OBC and in the Norfolk craft beer community (however brief and limited my influence was). I feel strongly that there is no place for hate or exclusion of any kind in craft beer. I worry this brewery will attract people with dangerous views and affiliations. I'm sad for Norfolk.
63	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Intelligent decent people know what it is to be a good person and a bad person. Bad people divide us, they can be business owners, fellow Americans, even a big political party but they are destructive to our very existence. I refuse to respect a different opinion when it challenges respect for others, order and peace. I am a combat veteran, I love beer and I support all the Amendments but I find this 'company's' message ignorant, divisive, misogynist, reckless, toxic and pretty pathetic. The video ad demonstrates people so desperately trying to appear tough that one wonders if they have any friends to tell them that it makes it painfully obvious just how insecure they really are and how bad they are at making videos. SNL could not parody this video because it's already painfully ridiculous, but it's not funny because they are serious. I don't know what the big deal is about cancelling people, some should be cancelled.
64	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
65	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
66	Chelsea, A Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
67	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As someone who was born and raised in Norfolk, I can say that this is not the type of establishment that I feel comfortable visiting and I will take my business to Virginia Beach where I feel more comfortable.
68	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
69	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Keep our city safe and inclusive. Don't replace one toxic business with another.
70	Retired USN Veteran	God Bless Armed Forces Brewery! I am extremely excited to have the Armed Forces Brewery come to Norfolk! I look forward to toasting my fellow Americans with some wonderful brews! Thanks Armed Forces Brewery! - Retired Navy Veteran
71	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

72	Emily Wilson	Norfolk has made huge strides to embody diversity and inclusivity, and has benefited economically from the relationships created locally and internationally. Armed Forces Brewery is an extremist American group, supporting ideas that do not align with our local and international community relationships. Do we really want this company to represent our ideals? Do we want to communicate to our partners that these are our beliefs too? America as a whole is already seen as trigger happy and pro gun violence (ie lack of school shooting problem-solving orientated responses), sexualizing women in media, and micro/macro aggressive towards groups of differing backgrounds...do we really want to perpetuate this perception with the passive allowance in support of this company? Armed Forces Brewery says they support all backgrounds of veterans...but their actions contradict this view point. Are we really willing to trade one gaslighting company for a (dare I say) worse one? Our complacency is what leads our people into trouble...what is seen as a joke or not serious has shown us time and time again to be detrimental to the well-being and positive living environment Norfolk strives hard to cultivate year in and year out. It's more expensive to back pedal efforts, when we can do this right the first time. They can have the building they bought...but please reconsider giving them the licenses to perpetuate selling future beverages that already give our community a bad taste in our mouth. Thank you for your time and consideration. Emily Wilson.
73	Bill Cabell	We all need more kindness. This place is the exact opposite based on the ads they produce
74	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
75	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
76	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
77	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
78	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
79	Concerned Norfolk Citizen - Ron Lie	Norfolk, to me, has always been a community of welcome and inclusion. Armed Forces Brewing and their executives have made it clear through their messaging that they will cater to a culture of toxic masculinity and glorification of gun violence. The culture war mentality that they will bring to this community will be detrimental to the growth of our city and the identity we have worked hard to create here.
80	Theresa Parker	The company video embraces attitudes and implies prejudices that do not fit with the diverse and inclusive nature of Norfolk's citizenry.
81	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	There is no place for this here.

82	Shawn Beamon	<p>O'Neill utilizing transphobia in response to Bud Light and Dylan Mulvaney: <a href="https://twitter.com/mchooyah/status/164299974360446976">https://twitter.com/mchooyah/status/164299974360446976</a></p> <p>O'Neill "Can't believe he] fought for" a country that is actively trying to foster diversity and inclusivity by using a drag Queen in USN recruitment videos. [<a href="https://twitter.com/mchooyah/status/1653791382274994186">https://twitter.com/mchooyah/status/1653791382274994186</a></p>
83	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	It is clear that the values of this company do not align with a better Norfolk. They are divisive and they intentionally aim to stoke a surge of negative emotions from community members. I am firmly against my tax dollars being used in any way to fund this company. We need to bring in companies that will grow Norfolk, not tarnish it.
84	Jessica Vigeant	
85	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
86	Caroline Krohn	
87	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to express my concern over Armed Forces Brewing Company taking over the O'Connor Brewing Company location and to Norfolk in general. I think this is a complicated issue - where we shouldn't necessarily be limiting a business from coming into our city based on their political views - because the same argument could also be made over a LGBTQ business coming to the city - however - in this current day and age - the political views shown by Armed Forces Brewing Company are what I would consider "extreme" and could very well create hostile and unsafe environments in our overall, welcoming city.</p>
88	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Veteran and Brewery love!
89	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
90	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
91	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Norfolk is better than this. Park Place and the Railroad District deserve WAY better.
92	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
93	Matilda Beck	This brewery does NOT reflect the values shared amongst the Norfolk community, especially the up and coming railroad district.
94	Claire Gorman	



		Concerns - Norfolk lost a lot of good businesses due to potential fun use. The video Armed Forces Brewing published glamorizes using a gun to kill human thrice. I'm uncertain how Norfolk City Council could forget closing down businesses and preventing others from being created by LOCAL citizens, while supporting an out of city brewery, which would serve alcohol and publicly celebrated guns and killing.
95	tabatha anger	It's not a business that makes me feel safe.
		Norfolk deserves businesses that respect people and community. But am surprised at the advertising... doesn't align with what the integrity and diversity of my friends and community.
		This is taken
		From the S.E.A.L. ethos...
		My loyalty to Country and Team is beyond reproach. I humbly serve as a guardian to my fellow Americans always ready to defend those who are unable to defend themselves. I do not advertise the nature of my work, nor seek recognition for my actions. I voluntarily accept the inherent hazards of my profession, placing the wellare and security of others
96	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	before my own.
97	Amelia Frelie, Norfolk Resident	The video, which seems to now have been taken down in shame, was offensive and contrary to the inclusive environment that I recognize the City of Norfolk has fostered. Though I am proud to live near such a large Naval base, the company's advertisements clearly negate honorable patriotism, instead displaying toxic misogynistic and exclusionist attitude:
98	Lauren K, Active Duty Spouse and C	As a resident of an inclusive and welcoming community that I have been lucky enough to call my home, Norfolk, and as an active duty spouse, this deplorable messaging only serves to divide and degrade the values we hold dear. I implore you to take action and not allow this company to be long term tenants in our loving home of Norfolk.

99	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>This video is wrong on so many levels, it made my stomach turn to watch it. I'm concerned a business that would decide to put out such a misogynistic, violent, covid-denying, etc. video is NOT what our city is all about. They say they are going to hire veterans? Would they hire a veteran that is part of the LGBTQ+ community? I've heard what they say about LGBTQ+ people - I'm guessing they would not. What kind of a crowd would be attracted to this type of business? We've already got a terrible gun violence problem, the last thing we need is a business that tries to make guns and other weapons look cool. That sends exactly the wrong message to kids/young adults when the city is trying to reduce violence. Don't get me started on the bleach blonde bimbos....</p> <p>I've always been proud that my city strives to be inclusive and progressive. We shouldn't allow businesses like this to establish here - let them go to Virginia Beach or Chesapeake where those ideas are considered acceptable.</p>
100	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I'm not personally a veteran, but I am from a navy family and support the armed forces both personally and professionally. I find performative patriotism to be distasteful especially when it is used to a great degree for marketing purposes or for profit. Hampton roads is made of of military cities and this is not the dignified, honorable image we want portrayed.
101	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	We don't need divisiveness, we need inclusion. Please consider strongly allowing this type of atmosphere here in Hampton roads. I am a 26 year military veteran and member of the LGBTQIA community and I fully support veteran owned operated and supporting businesses but only those that support without separatism and divisive agendas
102	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
103	Concerned Hampton Roads Citizen	
104	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
105	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
106	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
107	Shaylynn Siler	
108	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
109	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please do not let this divisive company into our city.

		YES POPCORN YES POPCORN  YES YES YES  MM ICE CREAM SO GOOD  GANG GANG  GANG GANG  I GOT YOUR NAME
110	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	GRRRR
111	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Hate is not welcomed in Norfolk. We include all walks of life and Armed Forces Brewing is only stirring the pot. They do not align with our cities values .
112	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
113	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
114	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
115	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
116	BERKELEY ANGE MORRISON	This new brewery is blatantly homophobic, trans phobic, bigoted, hateful and proud of the negativity and ignorance they spread. It seems like they are only interested in making money off of a small subset of the community. I think Norfolk prides itself on being an all inclusive community, and they're doing the exact opposite, especially how far Norfolk has come by trying to include everyone, no matter who you are. The fact that they are pro hate is very concerning for our community and think it should be shut down immediately and other businesses that run and operate this way should also not be allowed in this community or neighborhood. They're contributing to the divide we have worked so hard to overcome in Norfolk which spreads to other areas. Truly I'm sickened a business would be allowed to promote the way they have with zero consequence.
117	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The last thing we need is this stereotypical toxic masculinity and racial division.
118	Claire Hughes	
119	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
120	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Armed Forces Brewery is a disgraceful depiction of the military community.
121	Msesippi	I support the Norfolk community and voices in this matter.
122	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
123	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Seriously. Do we need any additional hate in norfolk?

124	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I cannot believe in this modern time, the city of Norfolk, the flies, pride, flags creates artist, districts, and venues that venerate just about everyone that we are going to see a brewery toting around bubbleheaded, bleach blonde l candy, a killer, be killed attitude, and calling them selves supportive. Their advertisement is nothing short of cartoonish and painful. If I wasn't already aware that it was legitimately from the brewery, I would honestly think it was a Saturday night live skit. It doesn't matter how much tax revenue. They are supposedly going to bring in they need to go out. They claimed their beer is not piss while blatantly, showing at their business is poison.
125	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	There is no place in norfolk va for this kind of hate
126	Pannill H. Titus	Overt statements made by any community member to divide, ostracize, and devalue other members of the vibrant, diverse Norfolk community cannot, and will not be tolerated. The business' public display of othering is a concern not only for the emotional safety and integrity of our community but I fear for our physical safety as well.
127	Chloe Falkinson, Larchmont Resident	
128	Alexis Ricks	
129	Camille Charbonnet	There is a bough violence in our community as it is. Improperly discharging a firearm and sexual owed images of women are not additions that we need as a community. This brewer share no values of mine.
130	Jonathan Tapscott	
131	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
132	Ryan Lynn - US Navy Veteran, Co-ov	Please reconsider allowing AFBC to move forward doing business in Norfolk. There is no room for hatred in our community. We will not support their brewery in any of our establishments.
133	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
134	W. Landis	I am a Southside native, current police officer, disabled active duty Army veteran from m 99-06. We do not have room, time, or effort to have bigots attempting to make money off locals, let alone the "armed forces".  Boot the bigots. Vote no for this despicable business.
135	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
136	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Our city has made so much progress, please don't allow a business to come in that will derail this. Help us create a more inclusive and positive atmosphere.
137	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Norfolk has to move forward, not backwards!
138	Carson white	
139	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
140	Andrew Richard	
141	Raeesah Islam	

142	Alana Conworth	All of the other venues were shut down for “violence” , this is promoting weapons and should be shut down as well
143	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	They will tarnish the name of all the other veteran owners breweries in the area that have worked so hard doing good, and supporting our community. Do not let them in to ruin Norfolk! Do want be known as a place of love or as a place that hate is distributed out of. Virginia is for lovers not this bullshit
144	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
145	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
146	Paul Chin Jr.	As a lifelong member of the Norfolk community, I want businesses that promote positive values which this company does not do.
147	Ryan Owens	Armed forces brewing company is run by hateful hyper-militant men, and has no place in Norfolk's inclusive lovely town.
148	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I’m an Army veteran. My husband is active duty Navy. We are both embarrassed by the depiction of military life and culture at the brewery. Additionally, Norfolk has numerous breweries but few alternatives for gathering places for non-drinkers. Please consider this appeal. Thank you for your time.
149	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
150	Kaycee McCoy	There is no home for hate in Norfolk. A large part of the reason my husband (active duty navy senior chief retiring in aug 2023) and I chose Norfolk as our home is because of the culture and community. We love the diversity and inclusiveness of Norfolk, particularly Ghent/downtown. Norfolk should lead the way in being a safe space for the queer community and BIPOC. Allowing Armed Forces Brewery to setup in Norfolk would be a slippery slope and send the wrong message. Armed Forces Brewery and their divisiveness is not welcome here.
151	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
152	Doneshia Wray	Replacing a O’Connors with Armed forces is comedic slap in the face to our community. Please don’t sit back and allow this.
153	Michael A. Cox	With the recent issues of gun violence in Norfolk as well as the closing of businesses deemed to be contributors to said violence I do not believe that allowing businesses like this to operate is equitable or beneficial in any way to the residents of Norfolk. While we cherish our veterans and those currently serving, there is much more to the identity of Hampton Roads and Norfolk than an occupation.
154	Laura Thornton	So may other breweries as an option why this group?
155	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Why would they be getting the support of the governor? How can they operate for 120 days without obtaining permits? It's a new business?? Their philosophy doesn't fit in with the liberal and inclusive vibe that is already established, they are outsiders who are not tolerant.
156	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

157	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	ARMED FORCES BREWING COMPANY IS A RACIST HOMOPHOBIC COMPANY PLACED IN NORFOLK AND WILL HAVE NO POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE CITY.
158	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
159	Christian LaVonne Collins	Norfolk has been slowly but surely squeezing black culture out of this city. The gentrification of Norfolk is going to be its downfall and the placement of a military themed bar who advertises their services with videos of the owner flaunting and shooting firearms in the middle of an urban neighborhood is a recipe for disaster. In what way does this represent the diversity and inclusiveness of our city???? The citizens are tired of crying out to Kenny Alexander and the members of city council only for our cries to be ignored because white contractors with big bucks want to use this city as their playground. Kenny Alexander made so many promises to Norfolk that he is not following through on and the opening of this brewery is an example of the way he deals with the city of Norfolk. I've been where Kenny Alexander is from and every citizen of Berkeley who I speak about our mayor says the same thing: Kenny Alexander is a sellout. Kenny Alexander how much is your integrity worth??? How long are you going to allow white contractors to come in and ruin the city that you are not only from but promised to protect???? Due to the fact that I know that Kenny Alexander does not listen to people when stating facts nor does he answer uncomfortable questions (he kicked my friend out of city council for asking what he is going to do about the gun violence our youth face in this city, probably because he profits from their death since he owns a funeral home) I doubt he will read nor respond to this letter however I will say that the people of Norfolk are getting fed up and it's only a matter of time before we stop begging Kenny Alexander and the city council to stop the mistreatment of the black citizens of Norfolk and take matters into our own hands by any means necessary.
160	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Norfolk has come so far in being a welcoming and inclusive community. Allowing a business that goes against this to take over such a prominent physical space in the city is a shame and a complete backslide.
161	Stephanie Phillips-Wheeler	I was born and raised in Norfolk, and now reside in Park Place, a mere 10 blocks from what is currently O'Connor Brewing. I have watched Norfolk evolve into a loving, welcoming, inclusive community, and I would be extremely disappointed if Armed Forces Brewing were allowed to open a business in my neighborhood. I hope that my petition against Armed Forces brewing does not come off as anti-military— it is purely that I am anti-hate and I do not stand with their rhetoric. Please do not fail our community and citizens— Help us keep Norfolk LOVING!

162	Richard Aaron Warren	Keep NKF diverse and awesome and free of racist and anti LGBTQ+ idealism.
163	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
164	Emily Cox, Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>The way this city used gun violence as an excuse to help shut down around 7 bars in 90 days was clearly bullshit. You guys shut down places that helped build community here. All just to allow some known racist and homophobic man to use guns excessively in his marketing for a brewery under the guise of military pride. It's gross. The military community is already strong here. We need places that cater to the rest of Norfolk's citizens. Norfolk is so much more than the largest navy base in the world. Norfolk has culture and creativity. Norfolk has BLACK culture and BLACK creativity. You have to understand how your actions as a city are coming across to its citizens. Careless. Racist. Undermining. Dismissive... You guys have every opportunity to do better and to do right by your citizens. Y'all just have to take it. Please as an act of community. Stand with us and don't let that armed forces brewery open in our town. That is a historically black neighborhood and all that brewery will do is invite more gun toting white people who could very well be racist into a community filled with black people. This brewery will also continue to gentrify park place and create a cost of living that is unaffordable to families that have lived there for generations... it seems very obvious to me if you guys allow this brewery to open, that you do not care about your citizens. You do not care about your black citizens. It becomes very obvious to all of us that you care about your pockets. A city full of lives and you can only worry about your pockets..</p>
165	KIM Finley	<p>Given the diversity and general vibe of Norfolk, and the absolute value of our active duty Servicemembers, the message of AFB seems divisive, unwelcoming, hypermasculine, and unsafe. I urge city council to trade carefully in dealings with this business.</p> <p>We are better than this.</p>
166	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This brewery is not representative of the wonderfully diverse and vibrant city that I love. I strongly believe this business will not only be a blight on the face of the city itself, it will become a breeding ground for hatemongering that can very easily lead to domestic terrorism, as we have seen in the recent past. I urge our lawmakers and community leaders think seriously if this is what we want to bring to our city.
167	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I have a friend who was an employee at O'Connor's and who is gay. She reached out to the new owners to ask to keep her position and was immediately blocked on social media. There are much more professional and appropriate ways to communicate taking a different turn. Also, this is full discrimination in the workplace.

168	concerned 22 year resident	
169	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
170	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
171	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
172	Melissa Corrigan	<p>We need to be fostering business relationships throughout our city that support ALL of our citizens, do not engage in divisive, antiquated rhetoric and do not seek from the very outset to alienate and estrange certain citizens of our city.</p> <p>There are plenty of businesses that welcome ALL citizens and do not use concerning rhetoric in marketing to convey antagonistic views against certain citizens.</p> <p>As a city, I would hope that we would want to foster a sense of unity and pride for each and every citizen and seek to discourage businesses from engaging in any behavior that would be counter to that, MUCH LESS contributing ANY city funds to businesses who engage in such deplorable practices.</p>
173	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
174	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
175	Cassie Walt	
176	Erin LeHew	
177	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>Hate and bigots have no home in this area. This isnt the kind of business you want in your city. To allow this to go through is sending a message to resident that you do not care about their voice. To allow some one to exploit the military for prophet is a slap in the face to everyone who makes this a proud military community.</p>
178	Sibly McCullers	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I know you guys get lots of letter exactly like this and that it must be reall annoying. But this company that is trying to move in here is very anti-LGBTQ, even though they claim to be open to all peoples. It just sickening to think of a company moving into our neighborhood that would wish me and my friends away if they could, simply because of who we love. Please do not let such an exclusive company have that much power here. Please</p>
179	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
180	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
181	Brooke smith	
182	Concerned former Norfolk Citizen (	<p>My family served for 3 generations in the armed forces, and I grew up as military brat. I think this marketing is very aggressive towards "coffee-shop hipsters", promotes gun violence, is associated with white supremacist symbols and ideology, and is sexist and homophobic. I think it is a bad fit for a culturally diverse community that values inclusion (and coffeeshop hipsters!).</p>



183	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
184	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
185	Jaelin Floyd	
186	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	These men are disgusting and are making our military look terrible. They have no business in Norfolk (or anywhere really). How could this even be considered? Do the right thing and get these morons out of here.
187	Neal Scott	I believe Norfolk can do better than this shoot-em-up, women as objects company in Park Place
188	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
189	Jay Brown Jr	As a concerned Norfolk citizen who loves his city for its inclusion and progressiveness I cannot stand to let anyone bring dangerous views into our community.
190	Katie Redes, Park Place Resident	
191	Steven Mickunas	Greetings friends and Virginians... I have a concern on my mind as a former Quaker school student/Episcopalian/relative of knights of Columbus/Charlottesville survivor... I urge you to look not only into your pocket books but your hearts to end the hate towards lgbtqia and other minority groups... especially the hate hiding behind the American flag and cross... as you know lgbtqia life center did great work building awareness of trans people in military service... you know that food not bombs/corona aide volunteers shut down bar bands support of oconnors even though food not bombs boycotted Charlie's American cafe over its treatment of women at house shows. The bar bands and table hops boycotted oconnors over its treatment of women, lgbtqia, and black people especially how it seemingly deliberately mishandled its love of hip hop by hiring white artists to make tributes to it on beer cans like images of gorillas with hoodies and told blacks to stand up for their business... which honestly was so stupid I had to stop defending them as a home brewer and a fan when I found out that they expected black people to defend a white artists work that was seen as racist. I will miss the 11 and orange ibrik but not the blatant tokenization and tone deafness of that brewery... that being said you deciding to reach out to bigots to run another business into the ground is also tone deaf... oconnors much like cafe Stella and the city beach lied on its social media pages. It created a mess that culminated into several national embarrassments that ultimately led to twenty one being shot during the craddock incident... before this hr firms and Facebook allowed cafe stella to delete reviews while lying that resulted in consumer reports articles and spam bad reviews, the oconnors being shut down temporarily while reaching cash

192	Bryan Axson	The attacks already toward individuals of the LGBTQIA+ community already reflects what will happen. You have taken business licenses away from bars/clubs for being the wrong groups of people...but because this is a veteran it's ok? Do better.
193	Erene Henninger	
194	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
195	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I am very proud to be part of an inclusive and supportive community and the hateful rhetoric openly expressed by both the owner and their public social media causes deep concern for the safety of marginalized individuals who live, shop, and exist in Norfolk and the surrounding area. Please reconsider giving this business a public platform to profit from hate. Thank you for your time.
196	Clifford Firstenberg	I find Armed Forces' attitude and messaging, including their pitch for investors, to be utterly disgusting and unacceptable. Put them out of business in Norfolk!
197	Elise Kolmer	
198	Ron Morris	If they make good beer, let's drink it. Not everyone has to think the same and agree with certain individuals. They tried that in Germany 1933.
199	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is not the right community for them. In addition to how little anyone wants this group in Ghent, it would be bad for business on their front too
200	Patrick Warnement	These people give US Service Members a bad name. The US Military is one of the most inclusive, and thus strongest, organization of any kind in the country.
201	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
202	Kristin Case	
203	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
204	Jess Robinson	
205	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
206	Carolyn Sturgill	I'm a female US Navy veteran, and I put up with enough sexual harassment and misogyny when I was in service to scar me for a lifetime. My daughter is a US Air Force veteran, and she too had to do with sexual harassment, misogyny and sexual assault. We are both members of the LGBTQIA and are appalled at the prospect of this "business" shoving their anti-woman, anti-LGBTQ stance down our throats in our own hometown. Please keep them out so that we can feel safe in our own home.
207	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

		<p>Some say they are entitled to their own opinions:</p> <p>I say NO, they're not entitled to their views when their views are steeped in bigotry, sexism, jingoism and just generally unkind world views.</p> <p>They claim to be veteran owned but their CEO Alan Beal isn't even a veteran, he was just smart enough to set up a pyramid scheme where 7,800 (literally) people own the company so atleast one of them has to be a veteran. It's more of a cash grab than anything else.</p> <p>Their spokesperson is the one SEAL that all the other seals refuse to acknowledge because he (Robert O'Neill) left his post during the binladen raid to put a few rounds in the guy after he was dead and then wrote a book bragging about it saying he was the shooter.</p> <p>Their main connection to politics is the pillow guy, lindell, who was first a crack addict and then a qanon adjacent election denier supported by our disgraced former president Donald.</p> <p>Their marketing videos show a complete lack of respect for women.</p> <p>Their social media feeds show that they have no intention of being inclusive of the LGBTQI+ members of our community and actually may actively be advocating for discriminating against them based on the recent SCOTUS ruling.</p>
208	Raymond Curry	
209	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
		<p>Their marketing videos on their Instagram glorify violence and show a complete lack of respect for women.</p> <p>Their social media feeds show that they have no intention of being inclusive of the LGBTQI+ members of our community and actually may actively be advocating for discriminating against them based on the recent SCOTUS ruling.</p> <p>Therefore, in order to maintain a tolerant society, we must be intolerant of intolerance, and not welcome this business into Norfolk.</p>
210	Alan L Smith	
211	Anne Bousquet	
212	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I'm highly concerned about the decisive and bigoted behavior of this new establishment. This isn't hearsay but instead evident from their social media posts. Please do not allow this hateful business to come into our inclusive city. I love norfolk and do not want this hate on our beautiful cit</p>

213	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
214	Brooke Burkett	They won't even allow people to know what the public thinks of them. If you post anything disapproving on any of their social media, they block you immediately. This hateful business pretending to be veteran owned has no place in our town.
215	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please don't interfere with Armed Forces Brewing Company's move to Norfolk. We both know that businesses are free to locate here. Thank you!
216	Amy gentry	No place for hate in norfolk
217	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
218	Caleb Lane	<p>Watch their instagram video. I urge you to think on the rhetoric used.</p> <p>Now, are these the kind of people you want in your neighborhood? Moreover, who will congregate in a small, singular space. Whose ideas and ideology will only go further. We only need to use our imagination.</p> <p>Are these the kind of people you want in your neighborhood?</p>
219	Concerned Virginia Citizen	This state will not go back in time to accommodate hate speech. It's time to address that there is a real difference between opinion and inciting violence against others based on identity.
220	Concerned Norfolk Citizen and family	
221	Sara	I didn't think a brewery could be worse than O Connor's when it came to how they treated people in their establishment that were not cisgender white males. But boy was I wrong. Norfolk to mean stands for inclusion and has a rich diverse community. This group has already been so incredibly insulting with their ads online. I cringe to think what they would do to the area if they were allowed to open their store.
222	Tyler Redes	The gun-centric mentality and anti-lgbtq+ sentiments of the proposed brewery are in stark contrast to the ideals and attitudes the Norfolk I call home represents.
223	Amy Colin	As a lifelong resident of Norfolk, member of the LGBTQIA+ community, and military spouse, I will not support this business and feel it would be nothing short of dangerous and irresponsible to allow them to operate in the City of Norfolk. Their values do not align with those of our communities.
224	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	My concern is with the fact that you're trying to keep Armed Forces Brewing from settling here! What the heck is happening to our freedom!
225	Kyernan Poe	

226	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Veterans make Norfolk what it is. They are critical and cherished members of our community! AFBC claims to represent the voice and values of veterans, but uses their platform to promote dangerous, far-right Christian nationalism which insults every member of the military past and present. Homoprejudice, hate, and extremism have no home in Norfolk.
227	Kimberly Beasley	
228	Leah Rosenfarb	I hope you take these messages seriously and truly look with open eyes at the practices of this company. The proof that they are intolerant of the diversity of Norfolk is all over their social media page, which is how they specifically choose to represent themselves. Having their business in Norfolk is a threat to marginalized groups throughout our city. Please act promptly to help keep these groups safe.
229	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
230	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
231	Lexi Shimkonis, Norfolk Citizen	As a part of the brewery community and, more importantly, the Norfolk community, I welcome any new businesses that would like to come to our area. However, we have built an inclusive community that welcomes everyone and I'm afraid of the culture this new business has shown that it will create in the Railroad District, Ghent, Norfolk, and Hampton Roads.
232	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
233	Chris James	Hate has no home here
234	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
235	Ryan T. Dunigan	As a Navy Veteran and a local business owner, I strongly oppose Armed Forces Brewing Company coming into our beloved city that embraces its diversity. Diversity is the very fabric that makes Norfolk such a great place to live. We have no place for intolerance, bigotry, and hate.
236	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
237	Jessie Glover	
238	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please don't ruin this amazing neighborhood, district, city with this place. Please. Norfolk is such an amazing, diverse, and welcoming community. That is freedom! Not this awful ideology.
239	Hannah R	As someone who is apart of the queer community and has always felt so supported and welcomed by Norfolk businesses. It's very concerning to have a business that is standing behind their employees who are openly homophobic. Their videos promoting gun violence which has been an ongoing issue in Norfolk. As gun issues has been a big topic and concern for the Norfolk council I believe it's important you keep the same energy for this establishment as you have with others.
240	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

		<p>To all involved parties;</p> <p>I am writing today out of concern at the recent announcement of the sale of O'Connors and its change to Armed Forces Brewing. I have just seen the social media content shared announcing its opening, and I found it immeasurably troubling insofar as it seems to promote violence against "enemies" and in poor taste as it seems to caricature the attitudes of military service people as hellbent on violence with firearms. If there is anything that this city seems most concerned about suppressing in recent history, it is (and I say this euphemistically) establishments where alcohol is served and gun violence is even fractionally a possibility. Why can white citizens serve alcohol and promote xenophobic gun violence, but black and brown citizens can't even listen to live jazz and imbibe in peace?</p> <p>As a servant of the people of this city, it is your duty to see that this sort of promotional material never sees the light of day again. It is inconsistent with recent policy-making concerning similar establishments, not to mention out of touch with the livelihood of the people who live here.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Michael Wilcher</p>
241	Michael Wilcher	Michael Wilcher
242	Pamela O'Sullivan	I was repulsed by the promotional video I viewed. Doesn't seem like a good fit for Norfolk. Guns are a huge problem in our city, state and country. I am very concerned.
243	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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245	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	It's up to the public to voice concerns about businesses that open in our local communities that are not inclusive.
246	Abby Hanna	I truly fear for the Norfolk community and the impact this group will have on this area. They promote hate, destruction, and exclusion. Please look into this and help Norfolk keep moving forward to help small businesses that promote inclusivity and respect.
247	Emma Dailey	
248	Jon Hargreaves	I strongly believe that a business like this in Norfolk, VA (especially in the Railroad District area) will be harmful to the growth of creating an inclusive community. As someone who has lived in the area for 5+ years I can confidently say that having Armed Forces Brewing Company in the area would be taking a step back in making Norfolk a city for everyone to enjoy.
249	Shannon McConnell	

250	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
251	Claudia Mazur	You have a responsibility to protect ALL the citizens of Norfolk, and that includes LGBTQIA people.
252	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
253	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
254	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is completely and entirely unacceptable as a business being brought to Norfolk.
255	Michael Millard-Lowe	As a local business owner, I don't feel that this vaguely disguised misogynistic, sexist, homophobic company is a good fit with environment that Norfolk has strived for. In addition, one of my lessees, the Tidewater transgender assistance center is less than two blocks away and I feel would impose an undue and unneeded safety concern to this already maligned population. Also, do we really need ANOTHER brewery in a 1/2 mile radius?
256	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
257	Audrey Fussell	
258	Marcus Zehr	This branding, in addition to the anti-LGBTQ+ and xenophobic sentiments expressed regularly by the ownership of Armed Forces Brewing Company makes it clear that this company is not a suitable candidate to receive taxpayer funding via the Virginia Jobs Investment Program. I oppose the provision of a conditional use permit to Armed Forces Brewing Company, and request that you join our community's effort to bring businesses to Norfolk that celebrate diversity, rather than those that nurture prejudice.
259	Andrew Minton	The brewery really does not match the community/vibe that it will be operating in.
260	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
261	Margaret Hamilton	<p>Hello. I was repelled by the aggressively "in-your-face" violence and sexism highlighted in this so-called "military tribute" beer company's promotional video.</p> <p>This comic-book level of childishly "macho", chest-thumping belligerence does Not in any way reflect the maturity and professionalism of the real-life service members I know. In fact, it is insulting to them.</p> <p>I do Not want this tone-deaf beer company operating in Norfolk, coupling its alcohol sales pitch with its offensive, hyper-aggressive &amp; violent "brand".</p> <p>Thank you for hearing me.</p>
262	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
263	Kelsey Backe	

264	Alexandra Welch	
265	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
266	Davis Lloyd Hutt	Hate has no home in Norfolk, Virginia, and The United States of America. Armed Forces Brewery pushes a very positive agenda, and having them join with O'Connors, a problematic company since 2021 with hateful remarks and ideology.
267	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
268	Jason Johnson	Norfolk can do better this this right-wing divisive brewery that is only looking to exploit the Hampton roads area for its military patronage. This will be an eyesore on our community if it is allowed to continue forward.
269	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I have no problem with Armed Forces Brewery. I have found their message to be inoffensive.
270	Dr. Sharon McQueen, Ward 2	Hate has no place in Norfolk.
271	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
272	Jena Gilliland	
273	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	We don't need another brewery. Let alone one that is not I cliso be to the community we are all so proud of creating.
274	Kaleigh V. Zehr	This branding, in addition to the anti-LGBTQ+ and xenophobic sentiments expressed regularly by the ownership of Armed Forces Brewing Company makes it clear that this company is not a suitable candidate to receive taxpayer funding via the Virginia Jobs Investment Program. I oppose the provision of a conditional use permit to Armed Forces Brewing Company, and request that you join our community's effort to bring businesses to Norfolk that celebrate diversity, rather than those that nurture prejudice
275	Erica Espy	
276	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
277	Larry C. Heitzman	I moved from Dayton, OH to Norfolk, VA in 1994 and never looked back. No matter the company I worked for, I was never discriminated against for being out. I love this city and want to keep its spirit of diversity alive. We are now in a tie where inclusivity matters even more today than ever. A place like Armed Forces, whose Director of Military Relations, called the LGBTQ community "pedophiles" on Twitter, does not belong here. Please rethink about this hateful company coming to Virginia and spread their hate in the Commonwealth that says Virginia is for Lovers.
278	Brittaney Michielsens	This company has worrying rhetoric, does not jive with the current community that visits the establishment. I've been a Norfolk resident for many years and don't want to see the residents of this community further isolated from the businesses in this area.
279	Erin Sweeney, RN, BSN, Navy Veteran	This company is not inclusive and has not place in Norfolk. A company should not be promoting alcohol and the military to get money.



280	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
281	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
282	Adam Altman	<p>This brewery does not hold the values of Norfolk, and especially the neighborhood they aspire to move to. Their spokesperson may preach a welcoming PR message, but their promo video shows they do not practice what their PR team preaches. They preach divisiveness, glorifying Gun worship, and are not supporters of LGBTQ+ culture.</p> <p>They literally murder people in the video.</p> <p>I am a proud supporter of veteran owned businesses. This is one I will never support.</p>
283	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
284	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This business in no way reflects the surrounding community. They are not welcome and are contributing to a negative culture of prejudice, arrogance, racism, and bigotry. P
285	Germaine Clair	Cannot support a business that is so openly anti-women, anti-lgbtq+ and pro violence. This is the antithesis of the values in this community.
286	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	These are bad people. I do not want them around my neighborhood. Racist homophobic misogynists. Please.
287	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please do not allow this to enter our sweet Norfolk!

		<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I struggle to find words strong enough to express my concern, shock, anger, and sadness over the news that Armed Forces Brewing Co. is looking to install themselves in Park Place neighborhood (or the Railroad District) in Norfolk. As someone who is born and raised in Norfolk, Va, this city is important and dear to my heart. The community that thrives in Norfolk is one that includes people of all walks of life, gender orientations, races, and ethnicities. This includes all LGBTQIA+, straight, people of color, veterans, and more. Norfolk is a place that has grown in its inclusion, diversity, and progressiveness, and to have Armed Forces Brewing Co. as a part of one of our neighborhoods would be a massive backwards step and a desecration to all of the work that has been done in our city.</p> <p>Their marketing is purposefully inflammatory at best, and misogynistic and violent (among other things) at worse. My friends who are gay, trans bisexual and more are afraid, and it breaks my heart to see them fearful in a city where for the most part, they have felt supported.</p> <p>If we as a city are not protecting those who are often pushed to the margins of society, then what are we doing??!!</p> <p>To allow Armed Forces Brewing Co. to install themselves in our neighborhood, after they have blatantly declared themselves opposed to LGBTQIA+, would be taking a stand on the wrong side of history, and to</p>
288	Isabella Wallis Hodge	
289	Concerned Norfolk citizen	
290	Korrin Vanderhoof	<p>Overt statements made by any community member to divide, ostracize, and devalue other members of the vibrant, diverse Norfolk community cannot, and will not be tolerated. The business' public display of jingoism is a concern not only for the emotional safety and integrity of our community but I fear for our physical safety as well.</p>

291	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>"Director" of military relations, Robert J. O'Neil. A former Navy seal who went nuclear when the Navy dared to use a drag queen as a digital ambassador. Besides the fact that this crap is just all-around terrible, this is also the same lovely guy who said he was the one who killed Osama. Who was also banned from an airline because, in the height of COVID, he thought it was funny to try and be mask less and pose for a cute photo.</p> <p><a href="https://www.thedailybeast.com/robert-j-oneill-navy-seal-who-helped-kil-bin-laden-melts-down-over-drag-queen">https://www.thedailybeast.com/robert-j-oneill-navy-seal-who-helped-kil-bin-laden-melts-down-over-drag-queen</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cnn.com/2013/03/26/world/bergen-who-killed-bin-laden/">https://www.cnn.com/2013/03/26/world/bergen-who-killed-bin-laden/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/delta-anti-mask-navy-seal-bin-laden-2020-8">https://www.businessinsider.com/delta-anti-mask-navy-seal-bin-laden-2020-8</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/navy-seal-robert-oneill-delta-airlines-bans-face-mask/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/navy-seal-robert-oneill-delta-airlines-bans-face-mask/</a></p>
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294	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>This hateful group has no place in our fine area. I have these following statements and sources to show why.</p> <p>"Director" of military relations, Robert J. O'Neil. A former Navy seal who went nuclear when the Navy dared to use a drag queen as a digital ambassador. Besides the fact that this crap is just all-around terrible, this is also the same lovely guy who said he was the one who killed Osama. Who was also banned from an airline because, in the height of COVID, he thought it was funny to try and be mask less and pose for a cute photo.</p> <p><a href="https://www.thedailybeast.com/robert-j-oneill-navy-seal-who-helped-kill-bin-laden-melts-down-over-drag-queen">https://www.thedailybeast.com/robert-j-oneill-navy-seal-who-helped-kill-bin-laden-melts-down-over-drag-queen</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cnn.com/2013/03/26/world/bergen-who-killed-bin-laden/">https://www.cnn.com/2013/03/26/world/bergen-who-killed-bin-laden/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/delta-anti-mask-navy-seal-bin-laden-2020-8">https://www.businessinsider.com/delta-anti-mask-navy-seal-bin-laden-2020-8</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/navy-seal-robert-oneill-delta-airlines-bans-face-mask/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/navy-seal-robert-oneill-delta-airlines-bans-face-mask/</a></p>
295	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I believe Armed Forces Brewing is a danger to the community that Norfolk wants to be and protect.</p>

296	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	this place is already bring separation, racism and homophobia to norfolk with their message. Their pro gun views and they are already proving the have zero tolerance for anyone speaking up against hat they're promoting. please do not allow them to spread they're hateful message, i'm very concerned for norfolk's future if you allow them to operate here
297	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
298	Katherine Kaywinnet	As an openly queer member of Norfolk's LGBTQ+ community, I am alarmed that this company is being allowed to plant roots here.
299	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
300	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	We are concerned what this company aligns with. They are non inclusive, aggressive, and setting the neighborhood back decades in the realm of progression. This is not the image with which we wish to be affiliated.
301	Daniel Baggarly	
302	Benjamin Briggs	
303	Scott Wertz	Hate and non inclusion has absolutely no place in this world and especially Norfolk, VA. I will never step foot in that building again if this happens. What a shame.
304	Sheila Morris	Please familiarize yourself with this company before you vote on it. The ads are tasteless and misogynistic. NOT what we want to represent our city. Nor is it a place we should provide for our young members of the armed forces who are stationed here.
305	Concerned Norfolk Citizen and Vete	I am a Norfolk resident and member of the LGBTQ+ community. In my experience, Norfolk has always been a tolerant and accepting home for all. Knowing that a member of the Armed Forces Brewing Company's Board of Directors (Robert O'Neill) has intolerant views of members of th LGBTQ+ community does not make me feel like it would be a positive addition to our city. I fear that his outspoken views will result in AFBC becoming a gathering place for other's with intolerant views. Allowing this intolerance to fester will not bring anything positive to the city.
306	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please respect the citizens of this city in keeping this unwanted hate out.
307	Bryttnie Reading	100% support Armed Forces Brewing Company.
308	Todd Lower, 212 Forysthe St, Norfo	Thank you for your consideration!
309	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Armed Forces Brewery will not be a value add to our community, and instead could help our community be less inclusive.

310	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a longtime resident and hospitality worker in the Ghent/ Park Place area, I am extremely concerned about the divisive and hateful rhetoric that is associated with this new business. I believe the demographic that this business will attract will make the area unsafe for myself and LGBTQ-neighbors. Please take action NOW to stand up for this INCLUSIVE community that prides itself on love and connection, not divisiveness and hate. This business is not welcome here and is bringing controversy to Norfolk. Thank you.
311	Rod Williamson	Having Armed Forces Brewing in this area is like, you know, when you crack an egg into a cup and a piece of shell gets in it and you get a spoon to fish it out and it takes several efforts and, while you're doing it, you wonder if this is what life is all about, and you become bitter towards the egg shell. Anyway, that's what having Armed Forces Brewing here would feel like.
312	Hope Knight	The beauty of Norfolk is the accepting and welcoming feeling when you walk in to any local business, that's a magic that can't be captivated everywhere and could be lost.
313	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I understand the need to support our troops and give them spaces that represent them considering how heavily our area is influenced by the military, however not at the cost of other marginalized identities and people, nor our local culture as a whole.
314	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please do not bring this company into my neighborhood. We do not need to promote an organization full of so much aggression. My husband is Active Duty Navy and we do not support this company.
315	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please do not allow this. Thank you!
316	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	We have enough gun fanatics in the world, let's not encourage more.
317	Jamie Patterson	It is in Norfolk's best economic, social, and cultural interests to decline endorsing businesses with divisive and offensive public messaging. Our city should not provide a home base or gathering spot for those who share their intolerant and often misinformed viewpoint. With the recent precedent set by the Supreme Court granting broader allowance for businesses to deny service to customers based on contradictory "beliefs" this establishment is likely to become a place where only a very specific type of customer would feel welcome and therefore patronize the business. The vast majority of Norfolk residents would not welcome a meeting place for those who share this ideology, much less with an underlying theme of alcohol and firearms. The sale of this property by one divisive company to another is further evidence of an effort to preserve a pocket of an unwanted element in our city.

318	Ryan T. Dunigan	As a Navy Veteran and a local business owner, I strongly oppose Armed Forces Brewing Company coming into our beloved city that embraces its diversity. Diversity is the very fabric that makes Norfolk such a great place to live. We have no place for intolerance, bigotry, and hate.
319	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is not the vibe we want for our city. There are many inclusive businesses nearby that would be negatively impacted by this type of business moving in. The violence portrayed in the video is extremely concerning when it is a brewery which will be serving alcohol regularly. People will be intoxicated and spurred on by this violent attitude which could result in more gun violence in our city.
320	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is not the way to move Norfolk forward.
321	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This brewery is the antithesis of the loving community of Norfolk.
322	Jonathon Andrew Claxton, USN, RE	This hate has no home in Norfolk.
323	Olivia, A Disappointed and Concern	This brewery will attract people hostile to the local LGBTQ community and make the area more dangerous to me, my friends, and others. The location of the building is in a local hotspot with a high density of LGBTQ identifying citizens, if the Armed Forces Brewing Company locates themselves there, I will have to look at avoiding other businesses in the area for safety reasons. In addition we have many long standing queer restaurants and bars in the area that will but put at risk. We may see an increase in violent and fascist protests outside MJ's, Streets, 37th and Zen and more just for being safe places for the local LGBTQ (and drag queens in specific due to that being such a hot topic). We already have many military and veteran breweries, many that are pro LGBTQ as well, we do not need the Armed Forces Brewing Company here in Norfolk. This is disappointing. Also they seem like completely tacky nut jobs, the building will be a complete eyesore in such a premier area. I know this place won't last and they'll tank the genuine local businesses around them and not care one bit because they only want to profit off Norfolk military stereotypes without caring one bit about the actual citizens, many who are actually queer and serve. BRC also sucks. Even the folk I know who tried to look past politics and give the food a chance because i was close (that area needs better development) and they said it was nasty. These places are hollow cash grabs. What the heck is Norfolk thinking? - A citizen who is in the LGBTQ community, is an avid brewery goer, and loves the city but will leave if it becomes hostile to me and my loved ones. Also, for being queer in the south, Norfolk is a safe spot, don't ruin it for shallow grifters...
324	Whitney Metzger Weireter	Intolerance should not have a home in Norfolk. Thus far, AFB has not demonstrated they welcome diversity and inclusion.
325	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

326	Hillary Dunigan, Concerned Norfolk	A company who openly promotes hate and bigotry has no place in Norfolk. Norfolk is a community that boasts love and acceptance. Norfolk has grown to become a welcoming and safe place for all types, this type of company will set Norfolk back to the "dark ages". We don't need this type of divide in Norfolk!! Norfolk holds a huge annual pride fest that attracts people from all over, what will Armed Forces brewing company do ruin that? I'm afraid they will hurt Norfolk's pride.
327	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Norfolk has always been an inclusive city. The culture in this area has grown to be something that people enjoy. A company that has shown that it is homophobic and racist is not what Norfolk needs. This brewery will cause problems for the community in creating divide.
328	Samuel Zimmerman	
329	Patricia DePeter	The message this company is sending is very concerning. Lots of guns and macho bragging makes it look as though violence and killing are the only way to be patriotic. Even more concerning is at the end where he promotes anti- masking. My entire family has been involved in the military and I have lived in Norfolk most of my life. I believe our military should and does stand for truth ,justice and freedom for all. Families need to know that when their young men are stationed in Norfolk, VA they will be socializing with and supported by a community that encourages diversity and truth not one that feeds them propaganda.
330	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
331	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a Norfolk resident and veteran, I do not support a business whom could be detrimental to citizens of Tidewater.
332	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I love Norfolk and I think the messaging coming from this brewery is not in keeping with the values of our city. From what I've seen this establishment will be a divisive (at best). The sexist, anti-LGBTQ+, gun brandishing, "anti-woke" sentiment doesn't belong here
333	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
334	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	After watching the promo videos for this business, I do not wish them to be an establishment in Norfolk.
335	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	These guys seem pretty based
336	Madison Gonzalez - Concerned Norfolk	The Armed Forces Brewery is not welcome in Norfolk. We should not support businesses that spread hate in our community.
337	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Norfolk and the rest of Hampton roads do not want this bigoted, hateful, misogynistic company to create a safe space to foster more hate. Their advertising promotes the use of guns and explosives, and the narrative they have created is hateful toward LGBT and liberal-minded people. Do we really want a business supporting that in our hometowns? Are we not divided enough? Personally, if this company is allowed to operate I will be staying far away from this entire part of town, and will be making sure all my friends and family do the same.



338	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
339	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
340	Kimberly Williams	<p>I am concerned about the bigoted statements made by the CEO of the Armed Forces Brewery. Not only is it unwelcoming and exclusive towards citizens who are part of LGBTQ community, I fear the disdain expressed will ramp up violence targeted by bigots towards members of that community.</p> <p>Upon perusal of the brewery's social media presence, I also find the images of the CEO dressed as a civilian brandishing automatic weapons and the hype about his role in his former Seal Team extra judiciary assassinations to be a promotion of violence. I do not think this type of advertisement will make our city a friendly or more safe destination in which to relax with a cold drink.</p>
341	Jackie Hackman	I find this brand offensive and contrary to the inclusivity of this city. Please do not allow them to operate a tap-room in the city.
342	Rachel Keene	With gun violence being such a prevalent issue in our community, I have concerns of a business so loudly and publicly promoting it moving into Norfolk.
343	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
344	Megan Bright	
345	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I frequent and support local businesses in general, especially veteran owned businesses, and particularly local wineries and breweries.</p> <p>O'Connors had a good product, nice event spaces and enjoyable entertainment events. While I was initially excited to hear the announcement that Armed Forces Brewing bought from O'Connors, that excitement turned to disgust almost immediately. The messages of exclusion and hatred combined with the prominent display of guns in their advertisements and social media posts are repulsive and inappropriate at a time when hatred and gun violence are being glorified and magnified on social media leading to the spread of crime and death in our communities.</p> <p>I can assure you that if this business is supported and allowed to stay open, I will avoid it at all costs. I implore you to show this business the way out of town.</p>
346	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
347	Concerned Ghent Resident	The owner of this brewery has made it their public position that the LGBTQ community of Norfolk are 'pedophiles' because we love who we love. This has no place in Norfolk.

348	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I've been so proud of our local community. I am gravely concerned about what this brewery will do to our city. We should actively work against letting hate and prejudice establish roots in our home.
349	Stiles Anderson	
350	Amasa Smith	
351	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
352	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
353	Cary McRae Petzinger	
354	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
355	Linda Miller	It is ridiculous for the government and people of Norfolk to welcome companies that do not welcome all of the people of Norfolk. This divisive homophobic jingoistic brewer does not belong in this community.
356	Jessica Jones	
357	Hope Eidson	
358	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
359	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	There is no room for hate in Ghent.
360	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	No more bigotry disguised as patriotism. No more nationalism disguised as patriotism.
361	Margaret Carrasco	
362	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
363	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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365	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
366	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is not what Ghent, Norfolk represents.
367	Ben Rainey- Brewer, 82nd ABN Veteran, Concerned Citizen in Belvedere	
368	Andrew Wendling	Truly hope this flops, hate this fake patriotic nonsense.
369	Nicole Moore	As a mother, military spouse, and a citizen of Norfolk I do not think this brewery serves the best interests of our community. Their hateful and violent rhetoric is not welcomed in our community.
370	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Armed forces brewing will be a nice addition to the Neighborhood. People are misrepresenting them as anti woke and bigots.
371	Micah Orsetti	There is no room for divisive and hateful rhetoric in our community. You have a responsibility to keep everyone in your care safe, regardless of how they may differ from you.
372	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
373	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Why don't we celebrate the positive aspects and jobs this growing company will bring to the City vs. working to divide the community over what should be a non-issue? I hope you elected officials have better things to do than bow to these so-called "inclusive" radicals.

374	Concerned former VA resident	I am a former VA resident with big concerns about Armed Forces Brewery moving into the Norfolk area. I believe their mentality of hate and the way they view other people to be harmful. I don't believe they should have an opportunity to have a business in the Norfolk. There is no reason for the hate they spew on others that are different than themselves.
375	Robert Gray Bracknell	Wearing vibe for Norfolk. Gun obsession in a city plagued with gun crime Objectification of women. 1/6 sympathizers. Hard pass.
376	Madison Warner	I am an employee of Oconnor brewing. It saddens me to see the new establishment brag about creating jobs but leaving out the fact that their means of creating jobs means firing people like myself. I asked the company if I'd be able to keep my job as a military brat, military spouse, and queer person and they blocked me on all forms of media in less than 2 minutes. The face of the company, Mr. O'Neil, has slandered the queer community publicly in recent days calling us pedophiles. I am no pedophile and will not stand to be so blatantly discriminated against in my own community that was once a safe place for me. This new brewery makes my life less safe and promotes the idea that I am a dangerous person for the community. I cannot express the level of harm that causes and the sadness and fear I experience because of this rhetoric. Please do not allow this business to make my home an unwelcoming place for me. Norfolk is a community I care deeply about and I believe everyone has a right to own a business here and have their beliefs. However, I do not wish the violent behavior displayed by Armed forces brewing to exist in my community. Thank you for listening to my concerns.
377	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
378	Emma Yokois	I am concerned that this new business will disrupt the neighboring community that includes minorities, vulnerable women, children, the LGBT community, and BIPOC persons that consider their safety and well being in jeopardy due to this establish and what it stands for.
379	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please don't allow these people in our town.
380	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I'm a bit appalled at the city's lack of vetting, even if this is a private sale, any other business would have been vetted properly. All winter, spring and summer Hampton Roads' diverse, thriving creative community has been slighted multiple times, having our only communal spaces (i.e. Slowdive, Thank You Thank You) be stripped from us with the explanation that it's to curb gun violence. Is Armed Forces Brewing not promoting the exact violence and unfruitful culture? Shooting thrice in a sexist marketin commercial? Surely one of you atleast saw this commercial before approval on Hampton Roads airways. This establishment needs the boot. With their rhetoric, it will only divide.

381	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This type of behavior should not be supported by the city of Norfolk. This is going to be the beginning of a huge catastrophe that odd completely avoidable. Do not grant a Budiness license to this organization or the people involved with it.
382	Jarrood Hunt	This new brewery could substantially affect the community that we live in. It is extremely important that we continue our inclusive and diverse community. Permits and licenses should be immediately denied due to their values
383	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
384	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I fully support veterans and our armed forces. However, this company seeks to push bigoted and hateful messages as a part of their business model and I cannot stand for that. Norfolk deserves better and this business will be a major setback to the progress we have made in making our city an inclusive, loving, and accepting home for all of its residents.
385	Jen Champion	
386	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
387	Charles Ford	
388	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
389	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a veteran, I strongly welcome Armed Forces Brewing to Norfolk. A brewery's main focus is to brew and sell beer, not get involved in social issues like making sure everyone in the community is happy and feels inclusive. The brewery supports valid causes. It's simple really. If you don't want to go there to buy their beer, don't go. I'm sure there's several other businesses in Norfolk that citizens don't like and they don't go. Don't restrict business or tax revenue in the city just because one or a few or a group of people doesn't like their message. At least the property won't sit vacant like several other properties. I strongly urge all parties to approve their permits and ABC license.
390	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Vote no to issuing a permit.
391	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please vote no to any conditional use permit!

392	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the establishment of Armed Forces Brewing Company in our community. While I appreciate the importance of supporting local businesses, it has come to my attention that this particular company has demonstrated a troubling track record when it comes to their stance on important social issues.</p> <p>It has been widely reported that Armed Forces Brewing Company has espoused and promoted discriminatory views that are blatantly anti-LGB and misogynistic. As members of our local council, I believe it is our collective responsibility to ensure that our community remains a safe and inclusive space for all residents, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender.</p> <p>Promoting an inclusive and tolerant environment is not only a moral imperative but also aligns with the principles of equality and human right that our society upholds. All individuals, regardless of their background or identity, should feel welcomed and respected within our community. By allowing a business with such discriminatory views to operate, we risk condoning and normalizing a harmful ideology that has the potential to create division and harm among our residents.</p> <p>Furthermore, supporting a business that openly displays anti-LGBT and misogynistic beliefs sends a damaging message to our youth. Our community should serve as a beacon of acceptance, tolerance, and respect, fostering an environment where individuals are encouraged to</p>
393	James Thornton	Thank you for looking into a business wrought with divisive behavior and inaccurate rhetoric which could affect the community.
394	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
395	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>Please reconsider allowing Armed Forces Brewing Co., a bigoted company, to move into our community. We pride ourselves as being inclusive, but those supporting anti-American regimes should not be allowed in my hometown of Norfolk, Virginia.</p> <p>Consider what this community stands for. I am sure you will find it is not Armed Forces Brewing Co.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
396	Jennifer Summerlin	
397	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
398	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Virginia is my home, Hampton Roads is my home, a company that spread such vile hate towards LGBTQ+ members of our community just for existing should never be welcomed here.

399	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This company is spreading hate speech against an already threatened minority (The LGBT+ community). It is shameful for our community to have people using their status as a veteran to spread this hate.
400	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I have a friend who was an employee at O'Connor's and who is gay. She reached out to the new owners to ask to keep her position and was immediately blocked on social media. There are much more professional and appropriate ways to communicate taking a different turn. Also, this is full discrimination in the workplace.
401	Thomas Dumville	
402	Graham Lindsey	There simply is no room for the unabashed hate and and attack on, not only inclusive policies, but people and their lifestyles themselves. As said, this is NOT Norfolk in any way.
403	Christopher Sweeney	The last thing the city of Norfolk needs is a divisive, racially inflammatory business popping up in Park Place. The owners and operators of Armed Forces Brewing Company are not the kind of people we want operating in this city. Especially after all the work city hall has done to try and clean up downtown. (Not to mention reaching out the VA ABC to rescind the 2AM license for other local breweries).
404	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
405	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Our great city has always supported its military residents and their efforts, but the commercialization and exploitation of those who have served has gone too far. This group plays to the extremes just for profits. We have one Veteran owned brewery on Ocean View who has seamlessly incorporated itself into our community without "Trumping" the status quo. O'Connor brewing was run by sexist bigots, who stumbled over their own feet time and time again when faced with the accusations. This is them throwing up their middle finger to our great city as they carry their money bags out of the door. I hope that there is careful consideration given to their use permit, but more importantly enforcement of existing code and law. No tax credits, no real estate credits.
406	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
407	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
408	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
409	Thomas Clemons	I love and support our military but Armed Forces Brewing's messaging is disgusting and divisive. Businesses should build up communities not pit neighbor against neighbor. You will be doing the Norfolk community and beyond a huge disservice if Armed Forces Brewing is welcomed with open arms. My money and time will be spent in businesses and communities that have and show respect for all.

410	John Fox	Why would you allow and or permit this brewery in Norfolk that promotes gun violence and hate. Don't you all think it is time to stand for something other than hate violence and bigotry. I personally do not want this company in Norfolk, you can do better than this stop looking at tax revenue just so you all can make a fast buck.
411	Hunter T.	
412	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
413	Thomas Ransone Jr.	It may be too late to stop this hateful business from relocating to Norfolk but they can be denied a conditional use permit to operate a tap room. Please make things difficult for them so they reconsider coming to Norfolk. They are not the type of business we want representing our city or region.
414	Jeremy White	I think the use of profane language, encouragement of violence (shooting people, rendering someone unconscious, etc), and exploiting women's bodies is shameful, disgusting, dangerous and indoctrinating to children and overall in poor taste and judgement.
415	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Don't let these idiots move into Norfolk. What's it take to get rid of them? Guess we will just send a bunch of black customers and that will force you to take action just like downtown.
416	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
417	Sabrina Nelson	
418	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I will not spend one dollar with any organization that promotes homophobic values. It would be in Norfolk's best interest to nip this in the bud and tell this brewer they are not welcomed in Norfolk.
419	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This vile, hateful business has no right to be in a city I call home.
420	Concerned Norfolk Citizen R Wirtz	here is a link to a recent tweet from the ceo of armed forces brewing company, where he makes a statement eluding that lgbtq people are pedophiles. this is not what our community stands for and would be detrimental to allow a company like this in the city of norfolk.
421	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
422	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Our city can do better.
423	Oliver D.	I am in the process of moving to Norfolk and I plan to invest in my new community. This business of hate has me second guessing this move and my financial contributions significantly.
424	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
425	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Hopefully this will only be a production and distribution facility. Having people gather at a business that is adversarial toward people that are not like them is not good for our community as a whole. The gun and violence message is not good for Park Place. The local craft beer industry in the region has been quite successful. Sadly, this business will create a stain on that. But fortunately, numerous local choices will remain and I won't need to visit or spend a penny on this company.

426	Mark Sanschargin	We should not endorse or allow this type of hate here
427	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
428	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
429	Micah Wirtz	Companies with hateful messages like Armed Forces Brewing Company have no place in our community. Members of staff have compared members of the LGBTQ+ community to pedophiles, and are open about their anti-LGBTQ+ prejudice. Allowing this business to open in Norfolk will embolden bigots, and put members of the LGBTQ+ community at risk of more violence and discrimination than they already face.
430	Hunter Crumpler	
431	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
432	Nathan Luetke	
433	Nelson McCann Norfolk Citizen	
434	Patrick Barrineau	Not only does this organization have no place in this city it does our excellent beer scene a disservice. Furthermore, the attempt to profit off of hate disguised as patriotism is gross and not in line with the military community in this area.
435	Veronica J Stroh	Norfolk in no way needs a sleazy, pandering, anti-LGBT business bringing hate into the city.
436	Brittney Rymer	I love supporting our veterans, but not at the detriment of others.
437	Hannah Barber	
438	Abhishek Agarwal	As a gay man who lives in Norfolk, this is very concerning to me and my family!
439	Samuel Aaron Lachman	Norfolk does not need a place that draws more division and hate to its community. By putting their divisive political views front and center of their marketing, Armed Forces Brewing does not reflect the values of our community, nor the values of our military they claim to tribute.
440	Zachary Willett	As a member of the US Navy the over the top and frankly cartoonish "tributes" to the military done by this brand is not consistent with my values and doesn't reflect the solemnity of the work we do. Additionally the comments made by executives and associates of this organization promote, in my view, exclusionary damaging and discriminatory views against a number of vulnerable groups. I believe this business does not reflect the values of our community and is not going to be a net positive in Park Place, Ghent or Norfolk. Please use your office or powers to mitigate the inevitable harm that will come from this brand making their home in our community.
441	Christopher Eaton	



442	Jessica Seaburg	As a resident who has grown up locally that recognizes the importance and value of our military but who has also witnessed the severity of the job and the devastation it can cause to those enlisted and their families finds the demeanor this business represents our armed forces heartbreaking. It's disheartening to see a business that's supposed to be representing those who serve our nation promote the over sexualization of women and a celebration of violence, especially gun violence that we work so hard to reduce in our city. I hope you truly consider the concerns of your residents.
443	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I am politically Independent, but would likely consider myself slightly Right leaning. I am all for anyone, and everyone, being free to express their views. However, after researching (not just watching the infamous video) I, as a Norfolk resident, and supporter of Norfolk based small businesses, do not feel that Armed Forces Brewing would be a good fit for our fair city.
444	Anne Markiewicz	Extremist views are not welcome in Norfolk.
445	Elka Mednick	
446	Concerned Norfolk Citizen Benjamin	The last think Norfolk needs is this blatant display of bigotry laden machismo. If it was just military related, sure. But what the heck is this?! Nah! This aight it.
447	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
448	Kristiana Cowcer	Hate and gun violence have no place in Norfolk's breweries
449	Lisa Rapacki	This is a slippery slope. "Taking people out" in a promotional video, not cool.
450	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
451	Kristiana Cowcer	Hate and gun violence have no place in Norfolk's breweries
452	Nick B	
453	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
454	Andrew Gadsby	As a current employee of O'Connor Brewing, I am deeply saddened to see who will be opening up in our place, our community has no place for this new company. Very sad to see what our community will have to endure in the future, due to Armed Forces Brewing opening up.
455	Michael J. Krentz, US Navy Medical	As a retired US Navy physician who was honored to support the outstanding men and women with whom I served for twenty years across the breadth of operational missions, I find the messaging from Armed Forces Brewing beyond objectionable. This uber-macho, blow-em up, bigoted, in-your-face portrayal of American heroes insults the honor, courage, and commitment with which we all served. A city as diverse and rich in broad-based culture as Norfolk does not need this company in our midst. We already have reputable, respectful veteran-owned breweries here. Please, in the name of those of us who served with open minds, do not allow this venture to go forward in our city. Thank you.

456	Dani Barker	This sort of business has absolutely no place in Norfolk.
457	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is not the right message to send to the community. We do not need an establishment that actively supports guns and a radical right wing organization. This is not inclusive and will only serve to rally more like-minded individuals to our area. We don't need them. We need to support veterans and others in an inclusive way. This is potentially very dangerous for our community.
458	Timothy White	
459	Richard Wambold	I have steered clear of O'Connor's since their bad news of racism and sexism in 2021. Armed Forces Brewing messaging is a significant step backwards even from that legacy. Not sure how a Armed Forces Brewing can make a go in Ghent, a neighborhood that is currently still literally flying flags for Pride Month. I will not support this business, there are many better choices in Norfolk.
460	Matthew Krentz	I do not believe this company reflects the values of Norfolk and especially the Ghent, Park Place, and Railroad District areas.
461	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
462	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
463	Mark McIntyre	<p>I actually live in Virginia Beach but I have five family members and many friends in Norfolk. Regardless of where I live, obvious divisive, hateful right wing rhetoric such as the kind obviously accepted by this companies' founders is completely unacceptable, and simply leads to the disintegration of our communities, full stop.</p> <p>I am a veteran heterosexual white man who recognizes the danger of these fascists.</p>
464	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	It's a business coming to a crime infested, urban failure of a city. You really don't have a choice. I guess it really irritates you that they illustrate commercial success without your leftist socialist, anti-Christian, racist, anti-white narratives.
465	Daniel Gallagher	
466	Samuel Bolton	
467	Andrea Gagne	
468	Gordon Bradley	
469	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
470	Christopher May, Concerned Norfolk	I do not believe this company represents the values of the City of Norfolk. Its past actions, the ideals the company and its spokespeople espouse, and its social media posts should be considered upon application for conducting business in the city. As a Norfolk Citizen I do not want the ideas pushed by this company to reflect on the people of this great city. We are proud that Norfolk continues to be a welcoming and diverse community that projects a positive, socially inclusive image. This is strongly reflected in its citizenry and current businesses.

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473	Katherine Humphrey	Please don't get me wrong. I support the military and their necessary obligations AS SOLDIERS. However, I do not support unnecessary aggression and use of firearms outside of that capacity. The combination of gun worship and alcohol consumption will end badly in this environment.
474	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I am disgusted by the video I saw of this brewery. Are they veteran-owned? It appears through their advertising that they do not set forth to honor those who served (many right here in Hampton Roads) and instead mocks those who served and only seek to use the armed forces as a gimmick and marketing tactic. It is a vile misrepresentation of our military and those who proudly serve right here in our community. Please choose better!!
475	Alexander Grosby	
476	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a veteran, I cannot believe that a city with such a huge military community would allow a business claiming to be veteran owned that discriminates against certain groups. Is this how you want the city to be seen? As a safe haven for companies to discriminate against its citizens? Shame on all of you for allowing this company to come here. Remember this decision next election. Your seats are not safe if you allow this business to operate.
477	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please do a better job vetting companies, allowing "in-your-face" non-inclusive businesses should not be accepted.
478	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I have lived here all my life and our establishments are welcoming and inclusive. We do not need any entity coming here imposing their negativity in our community. That is not the Norfolk way. Please do not allow this type of establishment into our home. They are based in Maryland and that is where they should remain.
479	Concerned Norfolk Citizen 23510	This company does not reflect our community views.
480	Carrie Short	I would like to know if this will be discussed at the upcoming charrette
481	Megan Mulvey	I am outraged that this business is being given any kind of support from state or city officials. It is clear they support hateful rhetoric and do not share the values that make Norfolk a diverse and vibrant community.

482	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Why are we allowing hate to take place in this city?! It's dangerous to be gay. It's dangerous to dress drag. It's dangerous to be black. It's dangerous to be a female. It's dangerous everywhere. Why are allowing people who are ok with supporting and spreading hate here!? Why are we ok with this!
483	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The advertising this brewery presents is a gross dramatization and misrepresentation of the armed forces.
484	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Allowing this brewery to open will change the diverse and vibrant landscape of Norfolk. Please consider saying no to this company, especially considering Norfolk is very proudly LGBTQIA & BIPOC friendly. We don't need the hate and rhetoric that will surely come with this brewery.
485	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Alcohol and guns...what could go wrong?!
486	Pannill Titus	
487	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I am very much apposed to a company with those kinds of beliefs and prejudices being allowed to operate a business in our city. We have no room for that garbage. Hopefully, the permit will be denied.
488	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
489	Shawnah Thomas	A business with anti-inclusive values such as this does not deserve a hom in our city.
490	Claire Sery	
491	James Norfleet	Do not let blatant hatred into our community. Their social media presence shows the sort of armed bigotry it will draw to Norfolk.
492	Jacqueline L. Anderson	I am vehemently opposed to bringing this business to the City of Norfolk. We should be supporting local breweries that are inclusive and representative of Norfolk's population. The instagram video shown here promotes gun violence and sexual exploitation of women and in no way showcases the type of business I want to see in the city in which I reside and pay taxes.
493	Daniel M Haug	Virginia is supposed to be for lovers. Let's not forget that slogan. There is no room nor should hate be tolerated in this great Commonwealth.
494	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
495	Sari Wise	I'm concerned about the culture portrayed in this company's promotional video. Glorification of violence and sexualization of women in the military send the wrong message to the community and will attract like minded people. All I can think of is that it's going to attract the "Open carry" crowd. Guns and beer don't mix.

496	Thomas Verge Conner	I am writing to express my concern about Armed Forces Brewing Company moving to Park Place. In addition to the leadership's bigoted comments about the LGBTQ+ community, they seem to fetishize gun culture and display a disregard for gun safety. In an Instagram Reel posted on June 1, Robert O'Neill (Director of Military Operations at AFBC) is shown firing a gun three times to his left without looking. Not only is this unsafe and reckless, it fetishizes guns in a city that has struggled with gun violence. Considering many nightclubs and restaurants have had their Conditional Use Permit pulled for less, I hope that the city council will apply the same strict standards and deny AFBC a CUP when they apply for one. The disregard for gun safety and their inflammatory statements about the queer community seems like a recipe for a hate crime.
497	Ralph Taylor	The Governor has once again shown his poor choices for our state. He is a total embarrassment.
498	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Why would anyone advertise anything this way? He says nothing about his products other than they are good with an objectionable adjective. Then he discounts other local breweries, objectifies women and seems to equate goodness and manhood with weapons. What kind of person does this and what type of people does this advertising draw? Do we want this in Norfolk?! I say no way! It's a shame that they introduce themselves to the community this way.
499	Pat Howarth	I am so sick of these "haters" who wrap themselves in the flag. We have enough problems in Norfolk-we don't need more business promoting hate!!
500	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
501	Shefali	This is not reflective of the values of our city - does not promote diversity and youthful energy.
502	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
503	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
504	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Our community does not need a company that promotes guns.
505	Eden Guill	

506	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I think that we need all walks of life including those with opinions that may be counter to some inclusivity.</p> <p>The military's former don't ask, don't tell policy highlights one good aspect; heterosexual people do not put on a show and are not vociferous of their sexuality. We should all keep some things to ourselves. We should judge people on character not their sexual identity and a parallel statement can be made about this new brewery. Bring the new brewery in, support them, and encourage them to embrace the cross section of we, the citizens of Norfolk.</p> <p>By banning this new brewery, we would be blocking someone based on their opinions. This is the same thing that some people are upset with about the brewery. Two wrongs do not make a right.</p>
507	Fred Rose	<p>The nearby Ghent neighborhood has for a long time been a diverse community being tolerant of non traditional relationships and lifestyle. I would hope at least that they tone down their rhetoric. An just make and serve good beers</p>
508	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I think that we need all walks of life including those with opinions that may be counter to some inclusive.</p> <p>The military's former don't ask, don't tell policy highlights one good aspect; heterosexual people do not put on a show and are not vociferous of their sensuality. We should all keep some things to ourselves. We should judge people on their character not their sexual identity and a parallel statement can be made about this new brewery.</p>
509	Taylor Miller	
510	Carole Cohen	<p>This divisive and violent campaign is not welcome here</p>
511	Charles Patten	<p>Please add me as a concerned citizen that is seeing this company doesn't seem to understand and want to be part of the Norfolk community. Norfolk is an inclusive city and should discourage companies that show their bigotry and close mindedness from doing business in this great city.</p>
512	Joey Morgon	

513	Brittany Morgon, Norfolk Citizen and	<p>I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deep disappointment and concerns regarding the recent new of Armed Forces Brewery's plans to establish a presence within our community. As a resident and business owner in this neighborhood, I strongly believe that inclusivity is a fundamental value that should be upheld and promoted by all entities operating in our city.</p> <p>It has come to my attention that Armed Forces Brewery has a documented history of being an anti-LGBTQ+ company. Their discriminatory stance not only contradicts the principles of equality and respect that Norfolk holds dear, but it also undermines the progress we have made in fostering an inclusive environment for all residents and visitors.</p> <p>As representatives of our city, I implore you to consider the detrimental impact this could have on our community's cohesion and overall well-being. Inclusivity plays a crucial role in public health and community promotion for several reasons.</p> <p>Firstly, inclusivity fosters a sense of belonging and acceptance, which are vital components of individual and collective well-being. Research consistently demonstrates that social support and acceptance contribute to positive mental health outcomes and help prevent feelings of isolation and alienation.<sup>1,2</sup> By allowing an anti-LGBTQ+ company to operate in our neighborhood, we risk sending a message to marginalized individuals and groups that they are not valued or welcomed in our community.</p>
514	Perry Conner	<p>Norfolk currently has the highest rate of gun violence of all Virginia cities. Can we in good conscious allow a business that has a brand rooted in the glorification of gun violence operate in the city?</p> <p>This is also a pivotal moment for protecting trans lives. This brewery will likely bring in participants of the ongoing culture war in tourism efforts, likely endangering the lives of LGBTQIA+ residents of Norfolk.</p> <p>Please deny the conditional use permit.</p>
515	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
516	Susan Cervantes	<p>As a retired Army Warrant Officer, I was initially excited that a veteran-owned brewery was planning to move to Norfolk. After viewing their social media, there is no question that I will never support this business. As much as I love my city, if this brewery is allowed to open in Norfolk, I will encourage my friends and family to not be patrons.</p>
517	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
518	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

519	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Armed forces brewery is not what Norfolk needs! They support exclusion and those who represent them have made incredibly homophobic, misogynistic, and racist comments and this is not what this city needs in any way
520	Mallory Yoder	One, this brewery is a ponzi scheme, taking money from "patriotic Americans" under the guise of investments. Two, this rightwing piss-shilling garbage doesn't belong in our city.
521	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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525	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	We need less glorified violence in our community.
526	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Sexual abusers sell to homophobes. INSANE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN
527	Stephanie Clark, Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
528	David Paine (concerned Norfolk citizen)	The link above is now not able to be viewed because it has been removed but I'm sure that speaks to its nature. In a community with as large a military community as Norfolk, I am generally supportive of any business that wishes to cater to the armed services, but I am concerned that this business's combination of noninclusive messaging and overtly hostile marketing that invokes a violently antagonistic attitude towards perceived "hipsters" poses a danger to both the patrons of the brewery as well as the population of Ghent in general (see this advertisement promoting their first location: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CgJ_Q73KAxL/?igshid=MzRlODBiNWFiZA93D%3D">https://www.instagram.com/p/CgJ_Q73KAxL/?igshid=MzRlODBiNWFiZA93D%3D</a> ). I am hopeful that at least some scrutiny will be applied to this brewery to make locals aware of their attitude towards Ghent culture.
529	Nathan Crawford	I take pride in Norfolk and do not feel this company respects the value of diversity that our community is known for.
530	Neal Christopher	
531	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
532	Meghan Higgins	This organization is absolutely reprehensible and should not be tolerated let alone encouraged, to do businesses in my community.
533	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
534	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
535	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
536	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	We like inclusivity and people to be able to relax and feel comfortable . This mess will bring super wanna-be militant people and a lot of aggressive people a relatively calm area.
537	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
538	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
539	Gabriela Colon Leon	



540	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I'm married to an active duty military member and we both find this new brewery cheesy and shameful. Their marketing videos clearly show a mindset of violence, misogyny, and exclusion. Plus, they are using the SEAL Trident and title for profit. The symbol of the Trident is supposed to be sacred and humbling, the complete opposite of what this brewery is showcasing.</p> <p>We love our community because EVERYONE is welcome and violence is actively fought against, both through the police force and restorative justice, community-based initiatives. Violence, misogyny, and exclusion are not welcome here. Norfolk is full of people trying to make this world BETTER. Please don't allow one brewery to come in and completely ruin the positive work we have put into this city.</p>
541	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is not the type of business that exemplifies the inclusive nature I believe the city of Norfolk wishes to represent. From this video, I see a business that promotes a lackadaisical position against violence and an a discriminatory attitude toward potential customers / neighbors. Please do not allow this.
542	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please uplift businesses where our whole community feels welcome.
543	Amanda Liebrich	
544	Alexandra	
545	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
546	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
547	Lauren Leszczynski	Armed Forces Brewing's social media presence and message is insulting and does not demonstrate the values of Norfolk or the local craft beer community. I'm appalled and disgusted that this organization even exists

		<p>There is enough military representation in Hampton Roads. We've had enough. Why not cater to the hundreds of thousands of other people that live in these communities? Why continue to push the narrative that militant imperialism is okay? Why give people that are vocal proponents of anti-LGBTQ, anti-black, and xenophobic rhetoric an even larger platform to spew their hateful speech and allow them to further push agendas that actively harm members of our community? Why welcome this? Didn't Donald Trump's tenure as president teach you anything? Isn't Virginia For Lovers? How do the views of this company even remotely line up with Norfolk's motto: "Thou Shalt Grow" ? Their views are archaic and will continue to perpetuate harm against members of our community and will offer the opportunity those with similar views to become even more vocal.</p> <p>This isn't what Norfolk needs. Norfolk needs love, Norfolk needs community support, Norfolk needs to allow its entire population to feel loved and welcome in the community. Armed Forces Brewing Co. is not a company we want in this community. This is a horrible decision on the parts of both Norfolk and Virginia's governing bodies. It goes directly against our State and City mottos, and will push even more people away from Virginia.</p>
548	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	You're better than this.
549	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
550	Margaret Herr	
551	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
552	Allison Tasso	As a veteran of the Armed Forces, I found the video to be an embarrassment to our service members and the difficult jobs they perform day in and out. . I also found it to be predatory to our junior service members by the repeated push for a monetary investment. In my opinion, this is not the type of company we need or want in our community.
553	Suzanne Finnerty	This company does not align with what I believe are the values of Norfolk. They are anti-trans, sexist, and glorify violence. This is not what we want here in Norfolk.

554	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	##### robert j o'neil is a human who is going to be an issue with this community and probably everyone else running it . ghent is an amazing place and welcomes all but to allow a man who can post " "The U.S. Navy is now using an enlisted sailor Drag Queen as a recruiter... I can't believe I fought for this." is absolutely absurd . also kinda messed up they won't give the former employees first chance at jobs . probably cause they don't fit the we shoot guns america only vibes . they are not inclusive , and it is making numerous people in the surrounding areas feel very uncomfortable
555	Richard Spencer	Norfolk is a beautiful city with inclusion for all. The last thing we need in this city is a brewery ran by racist intolerant scumbags. If you have any sort of conscious or claim to care about this city, you will do something about this brewery ran by "patriots."
556	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is not a safe environment to bring children around or have in our neighborhood. While we honor our veterans, I don't believe this is the best change for our community.
557	Concerned Norfolk Citizen, Emily Si	Please listen to your constituents.
558	Concerned Norfolk Citizen Kimberly	Norfolk represents a vibrant and culturally rich environment, attracting substantial investment in urban development and aesthetic enhancements, particularly in the waterside area. However, the establishment of businesses such as the Armed Forces Brewing Company may inadvertently foster a mono-cultural environment, thereby posing a potential threat to the carefully nurtured tourism industry Norfolk has dedicated significant resources to cultivate. In light of these concerns, it is respectfully requested that the decision to grant permission for the aforementioned business be reconsidered. The presence of such enterprises can inadvertently hinder the establishment of a harmonious and inclusive multi-cultural community, which is crucial for the city's overall well-being. Numerous residents within our community express apprehension for their safety, having tragically witnessed the loss of fellow community members due to violent incidents.
559	Zoe Rutherford	Norfolk is a place i have come to love over the last 5 years, especially Ghent. Putting this organization near such a great place for inclusivity would be doing a disservice to Ghent.
560	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

561	Jesi Owens	As a homeowner in the Park Place/Railroad District (30th St.) for more than a decade, I have always been excited and supportive any time a new business joins the community, as I have a vested interest in its continued improvement. I do not believe Armed Forces Brewing Co. will improve this community at all. Its marketing video is full of gun violence in an area of Norfolk already combatting this issue. It is aggressive towards "craft breweries" which indicates it will bring unwanted animosity to the otherwise excellent craft beer scene in the neighborhood. And Park Place is gentrifying enough already. It does not need antagonistic judgemental (or racist) business owners and patrons (who love guns!) next door to historic Black residents who deserve neighborhood preservation and safety.
562	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This man encompasses everything this town is against. There are several examples, but the most recent discovery is "pride is one of the seven deadly sins, just saying" referring to LGBTQ folks. A business this like in our community is regressing. This man was dishonorably discharged from the military for spilling sensitive military information to the public and acting inappropriately. I am sad, embarrassed, outraged and ready to make sure a business with these morals does not stay in our town.
563	Destiny Rowland	
564	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
565	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
566	Katrina Hoeglund	
567	Darrell Hawkins (Veteran)	I find any "patriots" with the sentiment in this video to be less than patriotic. I don't want them in my town.
568	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This brewery seems to have a long history of bigotry and inappropriate behavior that doesn't resonate well with the progressive vision of Ghent and the greater Hampton Roads area. It is clear from their Instagram posts and marketing strategies that this brewery will not be a welcoming and inclusive place for all to enjoy. I don't think it is a good decision for Norfolk to allow their business here in the city.
569	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
570	Gillian McCreedy	
571	Marie carter	
572	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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574	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

575	B. Austin	As a member of the LGBTQ community, I'm highly concerned with how they "brand" their company. Take a look at their Instagram for reference: to "woke bud light." We all know where they were going with that one. Trust, it's not the military branding that's concerning, I love and am thankful for all the folks who've served and will serve. It's all the other references. I just don't feel like they're a good fit for Norfolk. Especially a street over from the LGBT Life Center!
576	Betty Aquino	
577	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
578	Daniel Perretta	I moved to Norfolk 8 years ago from the neighboring city of Chesapeake to avoid the kind of mentality this brewery represents. Norfolk is the first place that has felt like home to me. My friends and family in the LGTQ+ community who feel the same deserve to continue feeling safe in the place they chose to call home. The owners of Armed Forces have made it clear they do not hold the same values of my city. They have spoken out against the LGBTQ+ community, used the armed forces as a shield and marketing tool, and espouse an ethos unbecoming of any business. As a Norfolk citizen and a Navy Veteran, I am disgusted at the idea of this brewery opening in my backyard. I don't want my city to be known for harboring such an establishment.
579	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
580	Daniel Brunner	
581	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Shooting a "hipster"?!!? Do they know what neighborhood they're trying to be in?! I wouldn't feel comfortable with this company being open in our area OR the people that it will attract.
582	Eric Sanchez	
583	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
584	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The hateful rhetoric does not belong in Norfolk.
585	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	No bigot brewing in Norfolk!!!!
586	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I fail to see how this company could have any proper community engagement for our area.
587	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
588	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Thank you for your consideration. Please help make Norfolk the best it can be!
589	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Don't let them bring their disgusting values masked by boot licking to our city
590	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
591	Wesley Stewart	
592	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
593	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	O
594	Ashley Branton	This is absolutely unacceptable. Everything about this makes me feel unsafe. This is NOT Norfolk. This has got to be stopped.
595	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

596	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
		<p>Norfolk has worked diligently to eradicate misogyny, racism, and homophobia from its borders- this effort cannot end now. The community does not abide the social messages espoused by Armed Forces Brewing Co. This city is a safe haven for all in southeastern VA, and we, the citizens, deserve to keep it as such.</p> <p>I oppose the presence of Armed Forces Brewing Company in Norfolk, VA.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work.</p> <p>Kindly,</p>
597	Jennifer Engelhorn	Jennifer Engelhorn
598	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The content in the video that the Armed Forces Brewing company has posted about coming to Norfolk / reaching out to their investors makes me think that they will attract ignorant, violent, and uncompromising people to the city of Norfolk. It makes me feel like certain demographics of people will be unsafe in the neighborhood and surrounding areas of the brewery. As the supporters will be gathering & becoming intoxicated, easily leading into physical actions that could affect those that do not hold the same beliefs as them.
599	Sarah Throne	
600	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
601	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

		As someone who has been in the local brewery industry for 4 years, the local (Ghent) service industry for 10 years, and someone who is an ODU alum, I have never been more scared for our community than I am now over a new business opening. Their values, choice of words, offensive videos, and everything they stand for do/does NOT align with the surrounding community and the city of Norfolk, AT ALL. The addition of this brewery in Norfolk's community will encourage hate, violence, and even crime, considering they boast about their access to weaponry and experience with how Robert J O'Neill, director and shareholder, "shot a famous guy". Promoting hate, and creating response videos to "internet trolls", is not only, at the bare minimum, extremely unprofessional and completely unnecessary, but it is also completely unacceptable to barge your way into a new community without having any regards for the community that they are entering. People already feel unsafe and unsettled knowing these people are moving in. From the comments on all of their videos, they have made it clear that they are not a safe space for anyone other than people in the military. Catering solely to the military community is extremely exclusive and problematic, considering the diverse community that Norfolk is built upon. For example, with Norfolk's universities, they are filled with extremely impressionable and valuable people, who are becoming new members of the community as young adults. This place would not serve them any purpose nor give them a place to feel the sense of community. While it is important to acknowledge that the military's presence in this area is beneficial for our economy, it is also important to recognize the people who keep this place going while military members are away, like you all at the top, and the
602	Emma Gehring	
603	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
604	Adam	This doesn't represent my 20 years of service in the slightest
605	James Frizzell	
606	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
607	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
608	Edward L Oast IV	Welcoming a brewery named "armed forces" with one disgraced seal as it's figure head and most of the owners being civilian seems like a slap in the face to our beloved and historic city, and military community. How will it reflect on us to welcome someone who has broken the seal code of ethics? This deal was brokered far too hastily, and without care for the opinions of the citizens of this fine city.
609	Matt Moreau	I support the troops, I don't support hatred.
610	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	All should feel welcome in our city, if a new business plans to make us feel otherwise we need to take action against it for the sake of the people who deserve to feel welcome just like us
611	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
612	Concerned Norfolk Citizen- Remy Bengston	

613	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please reconsider!
614	Concerned Tidewater Citizen	<p>I am heavily concerned about the Armed Forces Brewing company, primarily with their branding and leadership's comments in media. As a employee of the Department of the Navy, seeing our service members boiled down to women in revealing costumes and various militaristic tropes is very upsetting. I do not want this company using our military members as gags and selling points, it is very demeaning to those who serve and have served. I especially do not want to see an continuation of sexist culture that was once found in O'Connor.</p> <p>Further, the comments Alan Beal and Richard O'Niel have said regarding people's valid criticisms of their brand leave me to believe that they do not have the inclusive mindset that the City of Norfolk and region of Tidewater has fostered over the years. If they are to come to this region, it must be made clear that we will not tolerate any behavior that would serve to divide or chastise those of us who call this place home. And to treat the service members they supposedly represent with the respect they deserve, not just to use them as branding to sell their products.</p>
615	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Their misuse of the military as propaganda for their brewery is absolutely horrible and a disgrace.
616	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
617	Nicole P	Proud to be a part of the all are welcome community let's keep it that way.
618	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The attitude of this business and it's openly bigoted mentality has no place in this community
619	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
620	Darlene J. Waters	In s time when we are working to bring others into our neighborhoods to help struggling businesses and create opportunity for young people, it does not play well to normalize more violence of any kind. This is a horrible step in tb wrong gdirection.
621	Sara Cauthen Landfear	I respectfully ask that you consider the whole community before rubber stamping this business entering our neighborhood.
622	Meagan scherberger	The level of hatred indicated on the owners personal Twitter account is not representative of our inclusive community. It breeds hatred and will be a detriment to our community.



623	Kaitlin H	The image and messaging this business has chosen to portray are in direct conflict with the vision and values in PlaNorfolk 2030. This business and its leadership are openly bigoted, promote violence in their social media posts, and would not positively contribute to the culture of Norfolk food & beverage or the city as a whole. The city spent considerable time in 2022/2023 working toward making Norfolk a safer place, including the decision to revoke CUPs from several businesses which the city identified as promoting violent behavior. Allowing this business to operate would be at odds with those changes the city chose to make. I urge city council and the planning commission to seriously reconsider if this is an appropriate business to grant business and ABC licenses to operate in Norfolk.
624	Concerned Norfolk Citizen: Jane Ca	Tue advertisement shown on Armed Forces Brewing's Instagram is disturbing to say the least. The language along with the emphasis on firearms, violence and people who don't fit their mold (something about coffee shop people) is unacceptable. This is not a fit Ghent and the surrounding neighborhoods at all and Armed Forces Brewing comes off a a business who will alienate many in the Ghent and surrounding neighborhoods. Are they going to refuse to serve people who are not white or straight? It's scary to think that, but it's happening all over this country and Norfolk does not need to encourage this behavior.
625	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a queer woman this makes me feel incredibly unsafe that this business owner is creating a new space for people to hate gay people and rally. This owner has repeatedly posted hateful tweets and videos about trans and queer people and it's quite unsettling they are going to be right down the street of the lgbtq life center. Please reconsider letting them in our neighborhood.
626	Tom Cannone	Certainly not what our community needs. Norfolk has NO HATE! Firearms and violence is the only thing they seem to be bringing to the area.
627	Amber Silva Melchers	"Pride is one of the seven deadly sins. Just sayin'..."  Tweeted by Robert J. O'Neill, owner of Armed Forces Brewing Company, at 8:53pm on 5/28/2023
628	Veda pettersen	
629	Lauren Eady	We want Norfolk to be an inclusive, welcoming place and this brewery is certainly a step in the wrong direction.
630	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

631	Tori Grissom	Breweries hold a special responsibility to the community. Many foster community and encourage kindness and collaboration. They are safe spaces for people and allow people to share life with one another. Each brewery in the Hampton Roads area has its own unique atmosphere that is driven by the community and kindness aspect. As a bartender at two breweries in the area, I am so incredibly lucky to be a part of the brewery world. Each brewery is supportive of its workers and patrons along with other breweries. We are friends with every single brewery in the area and each brewery is there for one another. We never talk poorly of other breweries because those are our neighbors, friends, and work partners. We all work collectively together towards community, kindness, and great beer. I am concerned with the Armed Forces Brewing Company's social media campaigns and the soon-to-be location at the former O'Conner Brewery location. In their social media campaigns, they refer to others' beer as "piss water" and continue to bad mouth those who do not agree. They say whatever they want and do not take into account others. Their aggression and lack of compassion and some have gone far enough to describe them as "dude bro meat heads" before their comment was deleted. This hurtful and aggressive rhetoric is very scary for some people who do not fit the mold of Armed Forces Brewing Company. As a queer woman, I would not feel safe going into this brewery. This is also concerning due to the fact that a brewery encourages behaviors like this to its patrons, which will trickle out to other breweries in the area. I have dealt with homophobic and sexist patrons before and have been scared for my safety. Bringing in Armed Forces Brewing Company could cause me and many people like me to have more fear in their work environments.
632	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
633	Jeremy Bates	
634	Erik Leach	We can do better. This feels like a political move that doesn't have the best interest of our city in mind.
635	Laura Stegherr	As a woman serving in the military, I personally believe the depictions of violence and false stereotypes regarding military members depicted in this video are particularly harmful. Also, given the incredible reputation Norfolk currently has in including and uplifting all persons, regardless of gender or sexual identity, I believe hosting this business, which has continuously and shamelessly shared anti-LGBTQI+ sentiments, is a complete disservice to us all.  Being open to business should be a goal of every city. However, people are more important than a bottom line, and the people of Norfolk deserve better. I appreciate your attention to this.
636	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

637	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This is a bizarre company with values that are counter to what everything Norfolk represents
638	Rachel Rieman	
639	Taylor Meier	
640	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a Filipino American who's father was able to immigrate to this area via the Navy I am proud to live in Norfolk. The message that armed forces brewery is sending and the ideology that it represents is not a good fit for Norfolk and especially the Railroad District. I am not in support of their close minded attitude that supports stereotyping people, the misogynistic representation they portray in their commercial, and their use of gun violence as a marketing tool. I hope you all feel the same and agree that they are not right for Norfolk.
641	Kendall Chandler	
642	Linsley moseberth	I appreciate the people serving our country. But I take special offense to the people who have abused their power and gif our armed forces a bad name
643	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a concerned Norfolk resident also in the beer industry, I'm not sure why we would welcome a business that isn't inclusive to all of the citizens of this city. Norfolk has an outstanding reputation as a very diverse and inclusive city and attitudes such as those expressed by this organization should not be welcomed.
644	Truly Matthews	I am proud to live in a town with such historic and present ties to our military. The US Navy is what brought my mother and I to this country. However, I am deeply disturbed and upset by divisive and violent attitude, words, and images that Armed Force Brewing uses to promote themselves. This does not represent our town.
645	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The macho sexist "shoot 'em up" vibe is not something that should be part of our community. It is offensive.
646	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
647	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

648	Thomas Shevis	<p>Breweries have become major social hubs and gathering spots for the people of Norfolk. They are an open, inviting, and friendly space that people from any background can come to. Armed Forces Brewing Company and Robert O'Neill do not reflect those values and instead idolize violence and intolerance in what is meant to be a promotional video.</p> <p>While it is a noble goal to intend to employ mostly veterans, I believe there are much better options to fill this space than a man who would so flippantly break the Navy SEAL oath of silence in a blatant grab for fame and fortune.</p> <p>Norfolk is a beautiful and wonderfully diverse city, thanks in large part to the military presence. It's a place I'm proud to call home. Armed Forces Brewing Company and Robert O'Neill do not represent that beauty and diversity. We can and must do better than them.</p>
649	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>Aside from maybe a low brow commercial promoting their brewery, I haven't seen any evidence of this establishment or owners not being inclusive and sharing the same values of Norfolk citizens. It seems, to me, to be a witch hunt on the part of people claiming to be inclusive, and wanting to shut a perceived group out without a concrete reason based on fact. It is just fear of the unknown and assuming the worst in people. Hypocritical and shameful. I implore you to not listen to hatred and ignorance.</p>
650	Daniel Pazur	<p>I do not think this brewery and tits concept for the future with includes painting as well as military props to make the O'connor brewery look like a military base is a good fit for the neighborhood . The area has been increasing in value and business investment . It would be an eyesore to look out of the new pricey apartments window only to see military like facilities . It is not family friendly as seen by their instagram video .The future look is also shown there. Furthermore, aren't 7 breweries enough to serve Ghent?</p>
651	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>Hello there. I would like to remain anonymous. However being a fellow brewer in this community, this video is extremely concerning. The language and violence alone is downright disturbing. Also putting down other breweries is not what the brewing industry in Hampton roads needs. Does not seem like a family oriented business and I don't think Norfolk is the right fit for this company. I'm intrigued to know if anyone in this company has actually even served or are just using military propaganda for sole marketing purposes. I'm not sure Norfolk is the right fit for this business.</p>
652	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>I know Rob O'Neil personally, I served with him. He is a terrible human being and anything he represents should not be brought to Norfolk.</p>

653	Cindy Garner	
654	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
655	Concerned Norfolk Citizen, longtime	This business does not need taxpayer dollars to open. All of the other breweries managed to thrive on their product and welcoming, inclusive experience - in the most diverse Hampton roads neighborhood. Because this business has made their stance very clear (objectifying women, a casual and irresponsible use of guns, and an exclusive invitation to military clientele) it will not thrive in such an inclusive district. This business will not thrive and I implore you to please refrain from allowing tax money to support it.
656	Jessica Sterling	The type of business this is would be a detriment to the community we have in Norfolk. Our tax dollars and infrastructure here should be utilized for businesses that are more in line with our ideals which are inclusive and not divisive in nature. I don't think that toeing the line of hate speech, promoting misogyny, hyper-masculinity, and gun-culture(in an area which is dealing with gun violence) should be the first promotional video of a business looking to take over a business which already had sexual harassment claims against them. I strongly believe this would be a toxic environment that would only continue to fester and build more toxic energy we have worked so hard to get out. Please reconsider allowing such a strong viewed business in our city.
657	Jennifer Shore, Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
658	Julia Wallace	
659	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
660	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
661	Brianna Lysko	
662	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This corporate-driven business mindset of Armed Forces Brewing Company is not the right fit for Norfolk, Virginia. Using the US military as way to brand themselves and profit off of Nationalistic propaganda is not wholesome or American; it's despicable. We, as citizens and leaders, need to do more to promote true American values. And, an effective way of doing that is to support small, hometown businesses. Small business owners, those who know and love the city of Norfolk, have the heart and soul that this city needs.
663	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
664	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
665	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Please do something about this hateful and harmful company to our beloved and inclusive city of Norfolk.
666	Amy Jo Townley	Their video is so absurd that I thought it was a parody. This is not the kind of business owner/vibe we need in Norfolk, particularly in Park Place. The O'Connor site has a lot going for it and I'm confident a more appropriate tenant can be found.
667	Michael Sullivan	

668	Claire Weis	
669	Jessica Newcomb	
670	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I found the disrespectful to woman, violent, very narrow in viewing people. Only white males first anyone else.
671	Rhena Hicks	Very strange company, very strange leadership. 10/10 would not recommend welcoming them to Norfolk.
672	Paige H.	Mockery of our armed forces amongst the other atrocities.
673	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
674	Hannah D. Murphy	As a member of the Norfolk and the local craft beer community, I reached out to Armed Forces Brewing Company politely and professionally to raise concerns and hopefully open a dialogue. Their response was to immediately block me on all forms of social media. They have made their anti-LGBTQ+ stance very publicly clear and as the most diverse city in Hampton Roads, this is absolutely not a home for hate. I truly fear as a citizen of Norfolk that this will become a safe haven for those who belong to local hate groups and will breed conflict and violence in our city as a result. We need to stand up and say NO to hate in Norfolk.
675	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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679	Katie Raab	
680	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
681	Jessie McKeon	
682	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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685	Will Sawyer	<p>A pomposity that has never been rivaled in this area, AFB came into the craft beer scene with two purposes: to be political, and to be antagonistic.</p> <p>The ideals that they ascribe to themselves actively spit in the face of what the local beer scene has tried to stand for and hold the community accountable to: inclusiveness, tolerance, and acceptance. AFB in their opening announcement video went out of their way to be a exclusive, intolerant, and unaccepting of different ways of life, different kinds of people, and craft beer on a large scale.</p> <p>AFB, though I do not doubt its military branding's ability to be successful in the large population of military crowd, AFB's presence poses a threat to the safe stability of the 757 craft beer scene and community, inviting bigotry, classiness, and an overall lack of basic human decency that will erode the 20 year foundation that so many breweries have worked to create.</p>
686	Jocelyn F Pena	Norfolk has made so much progress in the last 20 years. I moved here 20 years ago, and nothing I can think of would be more of a set back to returning to the bad old days of Norfolk, when we were known for slow progress and being less progressive due to catering only to the Navy and not diversifying. The blatant jingoism that Armed Forces Brewery brings to my beloved city is enough to make me want to leave the area. I don't want to live in a place where everyone around me supports this proTrump, yee-hah, we-hate-all-non-traditional things, blowing others up mentality. It's cancer.
687	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This business is not what we need in our area. Their values are clearly at odds with the surrounding population. Please do whatever you can to have them locate elsewhere.
688	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I strongly support Norfolk businesses and breweries, but businesses with this type of message have no place in the Norfolk community.
689	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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691	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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693	Concerned Norfolk Citizen and Small Business Owner	I am a small business owner in the community and believe in inclusion and diversity. This level of hatred and bigotry from a business does not belong in our community.
694	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

695	Ozan Duran	<p>Hi there, I couldn't modify the message much, but did want to send a pretty clear message from myself and my wife that the type of business this is would be a detriment to the community we have in Norfolk, and it appears to be more reflective of the values in Virginia beach, so maybe our tax dollars and infrastructure here should be utilized for businesses that are more in line with our ideals which are inclusive and not divisive in nature. I don't think that toeing the line of hate speech, promoting misogyny, hyper-masculinity, and gun-culture(in an area which is dealing with gun violence) should be the first promotional video of a business looking to take over a business which already had sexual harassment claims against them.</p> <p>Best wishes and I hope this message finds you on a good day.</p>
696	Christopher O'Brien	<p>The nature of Armed Services Brewing's corporate branding and overall philosophy appears hostile and at odds with the inclusive and welcoming atmosphere that Norfolk and the Ghent and Park Place neighborhoods have worked hard to build. It's difficult to see how current residents and new neighbors will be served by the kind of aggressive and abusive messaging from a local business.</p> <p>Additionally, I have concerns about the security of our neighborhood. The owner and face of this company openly says he "shot a famous guy," a thinly-veiled allusion to his claim to have killed Osama bin Laden. While he is perfectly within his rights to make this claim (though some in the special forces community have disputed it), and to protect himself against any consequences associated with that claim, what about those of us who just happen to be near him? Does the city have the resources to secure the neighborhood against potential retribution by international terrorist organizations, seeking to settle the score? Do we want a threat like that in the middle of our city? The naval base is a hardened, secure military installation, but the middle of the Railroad District is just a common commercial and residential neighborhood. I'd hate to welcome in the kind of person who could bring such violence to our community.</p>
697	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>This company seems very politically charged towards hot button topics. This company's video shows that they lack empathy towards marginalized groups and don't appear to be aligned with Norfolk's values. It is clear that this company is trying to ride the wave of military presence that is heavy in the 7 cities area.</p>
698	Devan Womack McClelland	<p>To grant permission for a company that does not reflect the values and morals of the neighboring community is abhorrent. This can lead to civil unrest, increase of crime and an increase in violence in a community that encompasses love and inclusion.</p>



699	Stacie Coplon	<p>I am concerned about a few things from their not only their video but also the crowd that they are trying to attract and bring in. I will address them below. Do not get me wrong I am all for a military brewery in the area however I do not think O Connors should be the location of it, in an area that I regularly from my home right down the street hear guns shots go off. In their video they are "trigger happy and flaunting them". Guns are tools and they are using them as toys. I am not okay with this. I have a young son who I daily tell we do not play with guns or gun looking toys. We teach our younger generation that this is acceptable behavior we are going to end up with some trouble or worse accidents. I get the idea they are trying to show how tough the military is, however, you are bringing guns already to a community that is already fighting that look and crime. It will not do well. In addition, most military men exercise their right to carry gun. I DO NOT WANT more guns that are left in cars and easy access to criminals. In Norfolk we do have an issue with car break ins. This would be an easy target at night. I do not appreciate the sexism from the video. Putting a woman in various "sexy" versions of military outfits tells me that are you trying to draw a crowd geared toward men and men who probably view women as objects or pretty things to look at. If I go to a brewery, I want to feel safe, and not cat called. I want to be respected and treated as an equal. This video shows me shut up and look pretty. I want to address the LGBT Life Center, down the street. The military has a history of not accepting that community. I am not okay with that. It is changing but no the less it still not welcoming and I do fear for the community who regularly walk there for safety or is just enjoying their life in the area that are welcomed and do feel safe in. Language and</p>
700	Carrie Short	<p>I am proud to support veterans and veteran owned businesses, but the video made statements that I am afraid, if acted upon, would cause very real harm in our community.</p>
701	Evan Morr	<p>After doing little research on this Armed Forces Brewery, safe to say I know this will not be a great image for Norfolk or locals. I am a proud supporter of our Armed Forces but their image on social media will only cause more problems. If O'Connors got in trouble for a 'toxic' workplace, cannot imagine that this would be any different if not worse.</p>
702	Citizen who works for the military	<p>This is very disheartening Norfolk. Please do better. Do not let this company come here. Please.</p>
703	Concerned Norfolk Citizen, Laura C	<p>This vibe might fly in VB but we choose to live in Norfolk where we don't value toxic masculinity, objectification of women, or hero worship of violence. I don't know why Youngkin felt the need to get involved but I'd rather my tax dollars went towards local projects that reflect Norfolk's values, schools, and green initiatives. Thank you for working for the people.</p>

704	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
705	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
706	Andrew Coplon	Please keep me posted on what we can do to best have our voices heard. I look forward to hearing from you.
707	Michael Langston	The claim that this business is creating 47 jobs is incredibly misleading when 40 jobs are being lost with the closing of OConnors. How much are these 7 new jobs costing Virginia tax payers with the tax incentives given by Gov Youngkin?
708	Concerned Downtown Norfolk Citizen	
709	Christy Fisher	My concern is that taxpayer dollars are being used to encourage this vocally anti lgbtq business to locate in an inclusive business district. With the recent Supreme Court decision that voted for the right for businesses to discriminate, I worry that Armed Forces Brewery's open bigotry will hurt other businesses in the district and transform an area that is currently a place where all are welcome. My sentiments may sound like I'm not for inclusion if it means including a right-wing company. There are many republican-owned local businesses and breweries that choose not to discriminate. But armed forces brewery has made vocal their disdain for liberals (or communists as their founder calls us) and the lgbtq community. Governor youngkin is using his power of big government to force this square peg into a round hole. I'm asking that this brewery locate in an area that more closely aligns with their values, or lack thereof. And that the company pulls itself up by its bootstraps and does this without taxpayer funds and or governmental incentives.
710	Chip Dodson	
711	Concerned Norfolk Citizen - SR	They should not be allowed here! We don't want this toxicity in our city. Ruins the spirit and vibe of our community.
712	Christian Strange	
713	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This business does not belong in Norfolk.
714	Eric Hause	
715	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
716	Gabe Harrell	Hi, I no longer drink, but if I did, I still wouldn't go to this place. Their Instagram video is concerning to say the least, and I think it says something about their following that they had to have one woman play the role of at least four people via green screen. This is not it, Norfolk.  On a personal note, Andria and I know each other and I hope she reaches out to me if she has any further questions on my opinion. That goes for the all of council, as well. Thank you.
717	Haley chalkley	
718	Beth Brooker	We don't need these types of business owners in Norfolk

	Name	Please write an additional message you would like included.
1	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a business owner in Park Place and feel that Armed Forces Brewing Company has no place coming into our neighborhood. They have clearly demonstrated they could care less about being a good neighbor and inclusive of their surroundings - and have also demonstrated extremist and polarizing behavior that is not welcome in our city. I encourage all of you to strongly consider voting against AFBC CUP application.</p> <p>While I would love to watch Armed Forces Brewing Company waste money and eventually close - I would rather see a deserving business come into the old OBC space that can contribute both economically and culturally to our vibrant neighborhood and city.</p>
2	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	The city of Norfolk, the commonwealth of Virginia, our country, and even the world don't need this sort of hate in our backyard. Please do the right thing and do NOT allow them to operate.
3	Thomas Loftis	
4	Andrea Sardone	I strongly urge you to deny the permit to Armed Forces Brewing Company due to its glorification of violence in its advertising.
5	Maureen Murphy	
6	Kim Finley McElvein	Based on their media presence, this company does not reflect the core aesthetic of the Norfolk community. We pride ourselves on being inclusive, friendly, peaceful, and our city tends to lean left. This company simply does not fit in and will be a source of conflict.
7	Kosmo Rainey	We should always avoid hateful Nationalism disguised as patriotism.
8	Sophie McCollers	Please don't let such an exclusive, isolating company take residence in our home. Things are already tense in the world, don't make things worse for people in Norfolk. No one deserves a racist, homophobic company in their neighborhood.
9	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
10	Norfolk Citizen and Active Duty Service Member	

11	Tim Williams	I am a proud Virginian and enjoy our craft brewing. Our state has excellent entrepreneurs and brewers making fantastic beers known throughout the country and arguably abroad. There's no place in Norfolk for an alt-right brewery. I submit that we have a responsibility to be a positive leader in the nationwide brewing community.
12	Gabrielle Ingle	
13	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
14	Pete M	
15	Codey Albers, Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
16	Liz Keesling	
17	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
18	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
19	Megan Gillispe	
20	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I am a veteran, a parent and a lover of beer. I see no reason to permit this flavor of brewery into the Ghent area. They do not, nor do they seem to care about becoming a part of the community they wish to operate in.
21	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
22	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Why wasn't the city up front that AFBC could be receiving over \$300K in incentives to be in Norfolk? <a href="https://www.fingers.email/p/one-polarizing-brewery-six-figures">https://www.fingers.email/p/one-polarizing-brewery-six-figures</a>
23	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	I've been a member of the craft beer community for many years. It is incredible to see the community engagement and enrichment that our local breweries have provided. I believe that this brewery's crass attitude and obvious troll tactics will bring nothing to the community.
24	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	This man does support the views of this concerned customer/consumer of Norfolk. I wish that the elected officials would not allow this company the necessary permits to establish a business in Norfolk. This man in the video is definitely targeting a specific demographic and not all Norfolk or Hampton Roads consumers will feel safe at this establishment if allowed to be part of the local community. Inclusion of all people not just a specific demographic should be key to allowing businesses to flourish in Hampton Roads.

25	John Fox	I object to having a business with an owner that is misogynistic, racist and homophobic. He was also arrested in Texas for assault and battery. Do you really want a thug owning and operating a business in Norfolk, but again city council probably won't listen to their citizens al city council see is dollar signs from tax revenues
26	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
27	Patrick Barrineau	As an member of the craft beer service industry I do not feel that this organization deserves the opportunity to be a part of what is a largely positive, unified community who's focus is creating an atmosphere of inclusivity and community starship.
28	Jen Champion	
29	Katherine E. Humphrey	This establishment is not reflective of the type of values that I, as a Norfolkian, adhere to. Their values and blatant discrimination against people of color and the LGBTQ+ community are not a good fit for our city. I do not embrace their fascination with firearms and predict that the combination of alcohol, firearms, and hateful rhetoric will result in unnecessary conflicts.
30	sarah patterson	As the wife and mother of veterans I am very upset by this business that brands its self as "Armed Forces." Their views are deeply offensive and don't belong in our town.

31	Concerned Norfolk Citizen & Business Owner	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am a co-owner of a local restaurant group and US Navy Veteran of 8 years. I'm also the sibling and friend to many within the LGBTQ+ community. Upon learning of AFBC moving into the old O'Connors space I was initially excited. However; once it was known that one of their board members and co-owners was not only a bigoted individual but also racist, I could no longer support. The Ghent/Park Place areas (Norfolk in general) are meant to be a place of inclusiveness. This brand is not that, or at least they have exposed themselves not to be. In fact, as someone in the hospitality business AND a Veteran, this seems like a blatant cash grab and trying to capitalize on the large Military population in the area. While I don't disagree with marketing to that demographic, alienating any race, religion, creed or sexual preference does not make for an inclusive market. Could something like this thrive in Chesapeake, VA Beach or Suffolk, probably; but this is Norfolk. We're better than that. By allowing something like this we are pushing back progress that has been made in our community of welcoming all humans, regardless. Please keep all of this in mind when it comes down to a vote. We cannot tolerate the behavior shown by members of the AFBC team. Thank you for your time.</p>
32	Cameron Belcher	
33	Ralph Taylor	After reviewing the sentiments expressed by the owners of this brewery I don't feel like they are a good match for Norfolk.
34	Ben Rainey	
35	Adam Altman	<p>These people had a man literally shooting people in their announcement trailer.</p> <p>I am all for supporting veteran owned businesses. Not ones that glorify and seemingly encourage division and violence within the community.</p>
36	Rhena Hicks	This company makes a mockery of our military, a mockery of Norfolk citizens, and a mockery of craft beer. This is not a business that needs to anchor itself in Norfolk, VA. It surely does not represent the values of the residents in Norfolk, hopefully it doesn't represent the values of our city leadership?
37	Kristiana Cowcer	

38	Nicolas Hill	<p>Armed Forces Brewing Company does not represent that values of our city. They exploit the military, have a history of anti-lgbtq and racist behaviour, and attempted to move to our city in secrecy.</p> <p>The behaviour of the leadership of their company makes a mockery of veterans who are proud of their service. As a company, they exploit the U.S. military by converting the service of millions of people into a brand for their own profit. Norfolk is proud of our military past and present. Our city is not an additional place for Armed Forces Brewing Company to find people to exploit.</p> <p>Armed Forces Brewing co has a history of anti-lgbtq and racist behaviour/comments by their leadership and employees. Norfolk is an inclusive and diverse city where this behaviour at any level of the organization is not welcome.</p> <p>Armed Forces Brewing Co used a third party and an LLC with a different name to purchase the OConnors facility so that they could slip into our city without any feedback from the community or our city counsel. This is extremely disrespectful considering they want their headquarters to be here and shows that they do not care how th community feels about their presence.</p>
39	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

40	Tim Anderson	The owner of this brewery, Robert O'Neill, has not only made anti-LGBTQ comments, but was arrested in Texas for public intoxication, in August. Does Norfolk want somebody who has employed very concerning hate speech, and cannot even drink responsibly to run a brewery? I have actively patronized many of our local breweries for the last 12 years. I don't ask about anyone's politics, but when they are rubbed right in my face, and they are contemptible to not only me but people I love I have to wonder if this is the kind of business we want in our community. For me, that is an absolute now and if they are allowed to hold a license, I will not patronize, and I will do everything I can to tell people about this owners views in the mini other options that are available. That would be a sin, because the brewery that was there, O'Connors, was one of my favorite for many years. It is a great location, and even though it had its fault, for the most part was a terrific community player. I understand that people make mistakes, but this owner has never shown contrition, and as far as I can tell be the kind of divisive person that I just simply don't want to have in my community.
41	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
42	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Violent imagery as a marketing position, and thinly-veiled anti-lgbtq bigotry has no place in a neighborhood establishment selling alcohol.
43	Sarah Daniel	
44	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
45	Daniel Priest	
46	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	A horrible idea for Norfolk!
47	Nicole Gamboa	
48	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	No one wants this hate in Norfolk.
49	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
50	Taylor S.	
51	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	



52	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	Norfolk has actively been working, with success, on becoming a place of diversity and inclusion with a basis of success. This brewery does not fit the bill to be able to help drive this message forward. We want businesses to support for the support they want to bring to our community. This business is not that. We have breweries that have amazing beer and supportive stances already, let's continue to let them thrive and support them.
53	James L Sevilano	I am a Ghent neighbor and commuter to downtown for work, friends, events and social activities. My friends and I are all in opposition of this brewery to be existing here, and do not feel as if it will provide any benefit to the community and city. I feel it will cause divide and poor culture to the people of Ghent and Norfolk- it's not the kind of business I see leading our city in the right direction. We need to support inclusive, great, and socially aware companies that can support patrons of all kinds and backgrounds - that do not discriminate or put down the culture of the community that surrounds them.
54	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	As a USN spouse, I do not support Armed Forces Brewing. Please do not allow them to our trusted and safe neighborhood.
55	Colonial Place Resident	Armed Forces Brewing Company appears to bring nothing positive to our community. They are exploiting the military aesthetic and portraying it in a reckless destructive way to make money. They trivialize destruction and violence in their Instagram video and express a very non-inclusive sentiment. This brewery and the imbeciles behind it are softly promoting violent extremism and are not welcome in our community. Please make it clear to Armed Forces Brewing Company that their business philosophy does not appeal to the people of Norfolk and send them packing. The former O'Connor space has great potential to be a positive influence on the community--don't waste it on these meatheads.
56	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
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58	Stephen Darnell	
59	Meagan scherberger	
60	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

61	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	AFBC is an affront to a diverse and welcoming city like Norfolk. Additionally it is a sham brewery that does not belong in Norfolk's outstanding brewery scene.
62	Simon Lapointe	
63	Michael J. Krentz, MD. Captain, Medical Corps, United States Navy (retired)	I proudly served the men and women of the US Navy and Marine Corps as a flight surgeon, senior medical officer, and fleet surgeon for twenty years. The gratuitous violence, sexism, and xenophobia depicted in the Armed Forces Brewery's promotions make a mockery of our service and the core values of honor, courage, and commitment. I strongly oppose granting this company a license to insult those of us who served with true honor and dignity.
64	Archie Whitehill	Where can I find the pros and cons?
65	Mark Staszkievicz	At a time in our country's history in which so much animosity and hatred exists, I can see no redeeming benefit to this organization establishing another hate-filled opportunity for spreading such acrimony. I urge you to not allow this business to enter our community
66	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	
67	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	

68	Ava Gonzalez	<p>I am a Norfolk native, who graduated from Norfolk Public Schools and who currently works for Norfolk Public Library. I like my hometown and want to continue to live near my family. However, businesses like the Armed Forces Brewing Company actively encourage anti-LGBT sentiments and frivolous gun usage. Many of my loved ones in Hampton Roads have experienced severe service-related PTSD and gun violence related harm. The way that this company's marketing encourages casual gun usage and dismisses the very real harms of military service is wildly disrespectful. The above ad posted to their Instagram is very disappointing to see from a company that claims to serve veterans. As someone who supports responsible gun ownership, I cannot endorse this business.</p> <p>Additionally, there have been increasing safety concerns for LGBT Americans in recent months, and the attitudes that this business promotes make me concerned for my safety as a visibly LGBT person. I want to continue living in my hometown, but every day it seems like there are fewer and fewer reasons to stay in Norfolk. Hopefully the appropriate representatives and governing bodies can do the right thing and reconsider allowing the Armed Forces Brewing Company to set up shop here.</p>
69	Concerned Norfolk Citizen	<p>Please stop AFBC from becoming a part of our community. Norfolk does not need businesses that promote hate and violence as part of their advertising or way they will do business.</p>



Date: 9/11/2023

From: Park Place Civic League

To: City of Norfolk Planning Commission

CC: Councilwoman Doyle, Councilwoman Royster, Alan Beal of Armed Forces Brewing Company

This letter is in regard to Armed Forces Brewing Company Conditional Use Permit Application at 211 W 24th Street Norfolk, VA 23517.

Mr. Alan Beal has presented to the Park Place Civic League's Zoning and Improvement Committee, and was present to answer additional questions to the General Membership meeting prior to voting.

The Park Place Civic League voted by majority to not support Armed Forces Brewing Company Conditional Use Permit Application, with concerns:

- In effort to preserve Norfolk's architectural history, the Park Place Civic League requested that the applicant apply to rezone the building into the Norfolk and Western Historic Overlay District at the same time as the CUP. This would require applicant to submit proposals to the Architectural Review Board for review and approval since the building is a contributing structure to the historic district. This was not done.
- The committee asked about trucking times and operations, and there were not concrete answers about trucking times and operations from Mr. Beal.
- When Mr. Beal was asked about operational procedures, and rather than informed answers, the frequent response was "Whatever Kevin O'Connor was doing."
- Park Place Civic League members express concerns about current engagement and relationships in our Norfolk community.
- Concerns about insinuation of threats, violence, intimidation, anti-LGBTQI+ values, etc in published materials project a company culture that does not align with the Park Place Civic League's vision to have a safe, healthy, and diverse neighborhood.
- Concerns that AFBC does not have the support of the Railroad District Business Association.

Dr. Anthony Hailey, President

Joseph M. Hamm, Vice President



YOUNG VETERANS BREWING CO.  
2505 HORSE PASTURE RD. #104  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23453

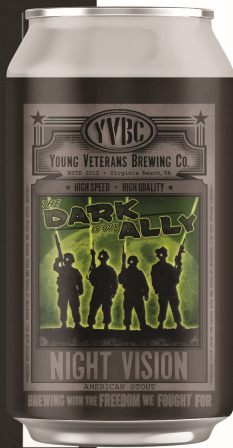
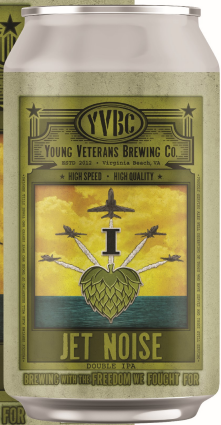
Armed Forces is a direct rip off of Young Veterans Brewing Co. We stated from from the jump that we would pay tribute to the branches of service with our beers, to work with local veteran charities. We covered our festival tent in camouflage netting and ammunition can decor. We made black and white fast talking old timey videos . We gave all our beers thematically military names with label artwork to match. Armed Forces Brewing Company has mimicked all of those things. I've only got 3 minutes so I will conclude my list at that, for now.

They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But I don't think copying another brand's work is flattering at all. It dilutes the creative work of the original brand and the work of the one copying. My brand was unique until more of them started popping up and now, everyone's message is diluted. Additionally, it's lazy, disrespectful, deceitful and it lacks one ounce of creativity.

It occurred to me in our early years how delicate of concept we had created with a name like ours. "Young Veterans" (while meant as a clever oxymoron) carried a weight I didn't fully appreciate, until I did. So over the years, we've taken great strides in our creative process and what you see from us, to never appear to be flag waving to sell our product. To never appear to make guns or warfare look too cool so as not to appear to be recruiting for military service or political parties. So the only real difference here between Armed Forces and Young Veterans is that Armed Forces have not taken those strides. Marketing a military themed brand with American flags, guns and ammo is the low hanging fruit of creativity. All the while, their CEO is not even a Veteran.

Tom Wilder  
Young Veterans Brewing Co.  
President  
Co-Founder





## SPECIAL HOPS

BEER TYPE:	INDIA PALE ALE	ABV: 6.7% IBU: 50 SRM: 5.5
MALT:	MARRIS OTTER PALE	
HOPS:	A BLEND OF AZACCA, CENTENNIAL, AND SIMCOE	
FLAVOR PROFILE:	CITRUS, PEACH AND MANGO	



## CAT SHOT

BEER TYPE:	AMERICAN CRAFT LAGER	ABV: 5.5% IBU: 18 SRM: 6
MALT:	CONTINENTAL PILSNER FLAKED MAIZE	
HOPS:	CRYSTAL HORIZON	
FLAVOR PROFILE:	A TOUCH OF CORN SWEETNESS	



## Brennan, Robert

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**From:** Contracting <contracting@meadowscmpg.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 9:21 AM  
**To:** Pollock, Susan; Kristin Lindsey  
**Cc:** Brennan, Robert  
**Subject:** RE: Conditional Use Permit Inquiry

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Ms. Pollock,

Kristin received the letter from the city. Unfortunately she is traveling and was not able to send a response. The following is her email detailing opposition to the Tasting Room component of the Armed Forces Brewing Conditional Use Permit Application. My apologies for the delay:

I understand that this is a hot button topic. Both state of Virginia and the city of Norfolk want to welcome this new opportunity and the promise of jobs and a nice tax base. That can be achieved without a tasting room.

As a local business owner that shares a property line with Armed Forces Brewing Company (AFBC), I am not opposed to them operating their brewery. What I am opposed to, as a mixed-race woman that both supports and employs members of the LGBTQ+ community, is a tasting room that would encourage people that harbor some of the same beliefs espoused by members of AFBC's leadership. I believe the last thing our neighborhood needs is people with hate in their hearts, fueled by alcohol, roaming around and potentially harassing or harming people within the community.

The state of Virginia and the city of Norfolk are throwing benefits at this emerging business. Benefits that I did not enjoy nor did many of my neighbors. It is not enough to simply scrub a website to remove hateful rhetoric. Let them first begin as a business in the community and let them earn the right to their tasting room further down the road. If their intention is to put down roots in the Railroad District, then a short pause should do little to no long term harm.

Today I encourage a vote of No for the conditional use permit for the tasting room at Armed Forces Brewing Company.

Sincerely,

Kristin Lindsey  
President and CEO  
Meadows CMPG, Inc.  
2107 Granby St.  
Jollity and Co.  
250 W. 23rd St.

Thank you!

Mike

**Michael Cree - Contracts Manager**  
2107 Granby Street

Attachment: Letter of Opposition Lindsey (Armed Forces Brewery)

Norfolk, Virginia 23517-2332  
O: 757.623.3107 / C: 757.560.5767  
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**From:** Pollock, Susan <susan.pollock@norfolk.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 12:34 PM  
**To:** Kristin Lindsey <KLindsey@meadowscmpg.com>  
**Cc:** Contracting <contracting@meadowscmpg.com>; Brennan, Robert <Robert.Brennan@norfolk.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Conditional Use Permit Inquiry

Ms. Lindsay,

The applicant was required to meet with the Park Place Civic League and the Norfolk and Western Business Association. They have done so and I am attaching letters from both of those groups.

The City will also be mailing out letters to all property owners within 300 feet of the establishment. The mailing address provided by you to the City for 237 W. 24<sup>th</sup> is your property at 2107 Granby Street so you should receive your notice there.

We have received opposition to the application and have been sharing it with the Commission as we receive it. Please let me know if you have any more questions.

Attachment: Letter of Opposition Lindsey (Armed Forces Brewery)



Date: 11/13/2023

From: Colonial Place and Riverview Civic League  
To: City of Norfolk Planning Commission  
CC: Councilwoman Doyle, Councilwoman McClellan

***This letter is concerning the Armed Forces Brewing Company Conditional Use Permit Application at 211 W 24th Street Norfolk, VA 23517, and the outcome of CPRV Civic League General Membership Vote Regarding Armed Forces Brewing Company***

**Dear City of Norfolk,**

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Colonial Place and Riverview Civic League to inform you of the vote outcome during our General Membership meeting on Monday, November 13th, at 6:30 pm.

Firstly, I would like to express our gratitude for the attendance of our residents; we had a full house at Kingdom Embassy Ministries, as well as over a dozen virtual attendees. The meeting was set to feature Alan Beal, CEO of Armed Forces Brewing Company, as a guest speaker. However, allegedly due to the press being alerted, Mr. Beal's assistant informed us that they would arrange a separate meeting with our organization after the necessary permits had been issued.

During the meeting, our general members engaged in a deep and active conversation regarding concerns surrounding the entry of the Armed Forces Brewing Company into the former O'Connor Brewing Company space. The discussion primarily focused on issues such as negative rhetoric and statements made by the brewery's leadership, the architectural integrity of the space, and the potential social impact on our community.

Following this extensive discussion, a motion was made for the "CPRV Civic League to support the Park Place Civic League (in writing) in their opposition to the Armed Forces Brewing Company's application for a Conditional Use Permit." I would like to officially announce that this motion was passed by the general members in attendance, with 46 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention.

As a result, we wish to align ourselves with the position of the Park Place Civic League in opposing the grant of a Conditional Use Permit to Armed Forces Brewing Company.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that you will consider the concerns voiced by our community in making your decision regarding the application for a Conditional Use Permit by Armed Forces Brewing Company.

Please feel free to reach out if you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,  
Pooya B. Mohit, President  
Colonial Place and Riverview Civic League  
president@cprv.net  
(757) 724-1547

Attachment: CPRV Civic League Letter - AFBC CUP - Support of Park Place Civic League 11-13-23 (Armed Forces Brewery)